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Having made some changes concerning the business transactions of the "Winnebago City Mills," we wish to announce to the public that we are now prepared to do all kinds of work in our line of business, for ready pay. Logs, wood, wheat, or even Money taken in payment for work. Our terms for saving are: One half, or 1/2, per thousand; Flour, Bran, and shorts costantly on hand, and for sale cheap.

RHODES & HAVILAND.

Winnebago City, March 17th, 1866.

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Winnebago City Minn. Aug. 31st '64 446

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We would respectfully inform the citizens of the Blue Earth Valley, that we have opened a large Harness and Saddle Shop, on Front Street, one door north of the Clifton House, where we will keep constantly on hand, every style of harnesses and saddles, which we will sell cheap or than the cheapest. Give us a call.

40 if JONES & WALKER.

Mankato, Minn., July 23d 1865.

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STAGE LINE

Stages leave Winnebago City every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 2 o'clock A. M. Running to the cars at Waverly and New Oregon, Iowa, via Albert Lea and Austin in Two Days, also to Rochester in time to take the 2 o'clock train next day for Winona and LaCrosse. Returning Wednesday, Friday and Sun days, connect at Winnebago City with stages running to Mankato.

This is by far the Cheapest and Best route for those wishing to go either South or East.

32 if BARNES DAVIS & Co. Propos.

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Winnebago City, Feb. 18th 1865. 154

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## SELECT POETRY.

[From the Shakespearean Anthology.]

The Wedding Day.

Girlhood's sunny days are fled,

And I stand now thy bride;

I place my hand into thine own,

To travel by thy side.

Twenty summer suns hath shed

Their halo round my brow;

In my twentieth birthday to thee

I give my solemn vow.

All hopes of happiness on earth

Into thy hand I've given;

To thee--almost to thee I

Depend my hopes of Heaven.

The Future seems so bright just now,

But grief betimes will come,

For grief doth surely come to all

Even to the happiest home.

But thou wilt ever love me, dear,

Thy love to me shall be

The rarest, richest ornament

I may receive from thee.

With this for my reward I'll brave

Worn care and weary pain;

May I but meet thy approving smile

My toil shall never vain.

That thou lovest me now I know

And that thou wilt I feel.

I know that thou art faithful,

And I will trust thee still. LIZZIE

The "Gods" of song having become

defunct, the "Goddess" has taken the

stand.]

Trust in God and Do the Right.

Courage, brother, do not stumble,

Though thy path be dark as night;

There's a star to guide the humble;

"Trust in God, and do the right."

Let the road be rough and dreary,

And let us bravely fight,

For it bravely: strong or weak,

"Trust in God, and do the right."

Perish policy and cunning!

Perish all that fears the light!

Whether losing, whether winning,

"Trust in God, and do the right."

Trust no party, sect or faction;

Trust no leaders in the fight;

But in every word and action,

"Trust in God, and do the right."

Trust no lovely forms of passion;

Fiends may look like angels bright;

Trust no custom, school or fashion,

"Trust in God, and do the right."

Simple rule and safest guiding,

Inward peace, not outward might,

Star upon our path guiding,

"Trust in God, and do the right."

Some will hate thee, some will love thee.

Some will flatter, some will slight;

Cease from man, and look above thee,

"Trust in God, and do the right."

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Deckin insistin that it wuz the best

three in five, instead of the best two in

three, just uz though a man cood afford

to play five games between drinks. The

ijee iz preposterous and unheard of,

and thar ain't no precedent for any

such course. We wuz settlin the dis-

put in regular orthodox style. He

hed his fingers twisted in my neck

handkercher and I held a stick uv

stove wood suspended over his head.

While in this position we wuz trans-

fixed with horror at seein Deckin Po-

gram enter arm in arm with a nigger,

and--

The Court--Arm in arm, did you sa,

Bro. Pinnipecker?

Witness--Certainly.

The Court--The scribe will make a

minut uv this. Go on.

Witness--They cum in together ez

I sed, arm in arm, walked up to the

bar and drank together.

By the Court--Did they drink to-

gether?

Witness--They oodenly did.

By Myself--The cohort desires to

know what partiklar food they ab-

sorbed.

Witness--Can't say. Spose 'twas

Bascom's new whiskey; that's all he's

got ez the court very well knows.

By Myself--The Sexton will go at

once to Bascom's and procure the

identical bottle from which this wretch-

ed man, who stands thus charged with

thus lowerin himself, drunk, and bring

it hither. The Court desires to know

for herself whether it was really whis-

ky. The pint is an important one for

the Court to know.

A wicked boy remarked that the pint

would be better understood by the

Court if it wuz a quart. The bottle

wuz, however brought, and the Court,

which iz me, wuz satisfied that wuz

really and trooly whiskey. Ez the re-

freshin flood, irrigated my parched

throat, I wished that trials based upon

that bottle cood be perpetual.

I considered the case proved, and

asked Brother





## LOCAL AFFAIRS.

WINNEBAGO CITY, JULY 4, 1866.

It might be of interest to some of our villagers to say that the Mail, at the Winnebago City Post Office, going East is made up on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings of each week, and those sending mail matter East, should be "on hand," if possible, in season. The mail is not closed until the following morning of each evening above mentioned, thereby giving you a chance on special occasions.

G. K. MOULTON,  
Post Master.

Two hundred dollars worth of Country Orders, on Faribault county for sale at this office.

A new lot of *Warranty Deeds* just printed and for sale at this office. All so all kinds of *Justice's Blanks*.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the electors of school district No. 7, in the county of Faribault, State of Minnesota, held at the school house in said district in Winnebago City, on Thursday, June 28th, 1866, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of designating a site for a district school house. By order of the Board of Trustees.  
F. F. HARLOW, Town Clerk.

**Left Us.**—Dr. Briggs and family left us yesterday morning to return to their former home in Michigan.

**Dr. Farley** has just received a fine lot of Photographs of some of our leading Generals in the late war. Also a few fine Photograph Albums. Go and buy an Album, and then some pictures to put in it.

**Sensible.**—The directors of this school district have concluded to build the school house, to be built here this summer, of brick. We think this a very sensible conclusion to arrive at. A brick house will be much the best in every respect, and in the long run, the cheapest.

For the Best Sheetings, Shirts, Drawers, &c., at lowest prices, go to the **CHEAP CASH STORE** next to Richardson's.

**Dr. Pierce**, Dentist, whose highly commendable notices we have observed in our exchange papers, is now in Mankato, where he will remain until the 20th of July, after which time he will be absent from there for a few weeks.

MEN OF THE HIGHEST attainments in medical science are now using and recommending the reliable vegetable tonic—Red Jacket Bitters—as a restorative after fevers, and the very best strengthening medicine for feeble constitutions.

It has been decided to build the school house upon lots lying on the east and west road, and on the east side of our town. Four lots have been selected upon which it is to be erected, and the site is indeed a beautiful one.

To save money in the purchase of Hats and Caps, go to the **CHEAP CASH STORE**.

In order that our "types" may have the full benefit of the Fourth, we print our paper this week, one day in advance of the usual time. The fourth of July is said to come but once a year in this western country, and we do not want to have it said that we prevented any one from enjoying the holiday.

**Accident.**—Mrs. Felix Hill, living in the town of Verona, accidentally fell down stairs a few days since, and broke the smaller bone of her leg, below the knee, and dislocating her ankle. Besides receiving other scratches and bruises, of lighter consequence. Drs. Lockwood & Humes, of this place rendered the necessary surgical aid, and Mrs. H. is rapidly recovering.

**Joanna**, at the **CHEAP CASH STORE**, has just received a large assortment of Groceries which he is offering at reduced prices.

We learn by Rev. J. E. Courad, that Mr. Benj. Corp living in the town of Mapleton, a victim of small-pox died last week. The wife of Mr. Corp is very low with the same disease. Mrs. Corp was once Mrs. Coon, and was, some three years since, a resident of this town.

During the storm which visited this section of country, last week the house of Mr. Randall, in the town of Barber, was struck by lightning. The inmates of the house were considerably shocked but no one seriously injured.

If you want a superior article of **Tea**, something that will just suit you, go to the **CHEAP CASH STORE**.

**Benjamin Franklin** of Blue Earth City, the soldier who was so unfortunate as to lose both his hands and feet by freezing, while attempting to reach Fort Ridgely from Fort Wadsworth, in February last, is now on a tour through the State soliciting aid from the generous public. Mr. Franklin is indeed an object of pity and charity, and we hope that he may return with a well filled purse.

**Suicide.**—On Sunday evening last the dead body of Mr. J. Wilson, was found by Wm. Galpin, lying in a grave yard near his residence, in the town of Prescott, in this county. It appears from what facts could be gathered, by the coroner, that the deceased cut his throat some time last week, with a razor which he had procured at the house of William Radue. It seems the deceased had been in the habit of stopping at Radue's house, sometimes for several days at a time. On Wednesday evening last the deceased called at Radue's house with the apparent intention of staying all night. Radue left him in the house and went out to look after his cows, when he returned the deceased had gone, but as he was in the habit of thus coming and going nothing was thought of it. On Friday Mr. Radue went to get his razor to shave himself, but he could nowhere find it. This excited fears as to the old man's welfare. He was looked for and enquired after, but could not be found or heard of, until the Sunday referred to, when Mr. Galpin accidentally came across his dead body, and Mr. Radue's razor lying near by.

Mr. Wilson was an old man, and being feeble and poor, was a town charge. He had been living with some of his relation, who had been receiving compensation from the town for his keeping. The old man became very much dissatisfied with the treatment he received from his kinsman, and left his house about five weeks ago, since which time he has been living with whoever would keep him. During this pilgrimage he became dirty and ragged, and hearing it hinted by some that he was an unwelcome visitor, it is supposed he destroyed himself for no other reason than to be relieved of his miserable existence. He was of sound mind and good intellect.

We are informed that the old man had been for some time, living with a step daughter, as a pauper, and her husband, a man in good circumstances, had been receiving pay from the town for his support. If this be true, we hope the old man's ghost will haunt that daughter by day and by night, for ever and for ever.

## The Lady's Friend for July.

The July No. opens with an unusually handsome and suggestive engraving called "The Distressed Bachelor." In the Fashion Plate, tasteful and attractive as usual, is a charming bridal dress. Then there is a wood cut of many piquant faces illustrating "The Hair," "The Pointed Veil," "Zouave Jacket," and a plate consisting of seven figures of ladies and children, showing the newest and prettiest of the Summer Fashions. Music—"Idora Schottisch." Among the stories are "The Distressed Bachelor," "Pauline Berninger's Story," by Una Locke; the conclusion of "Stylt Ainsworth," by Harris Bryne; "The Boy and the Man," by Amie Alice. The poetry is by Maggie C. Pyburn, Emilie Lester Leigh, Una Locke and others. The Toilet Novelties and Work Table are as usual profusely illustrated and in the Editor's Department are Book Notices, Receipts, meeting the wants of the season, description of Fashions, &c. Price \$2.50 a year; 2 copies \$4.00. Specimen numbers will be sent for 15 cents. Address Deacon & Peters, 319 Walnut Street Philadelphia.

The Atlantic Monthly is on hand for July. This is a superb number. Mr. Longfellow contributes a second sonnet on "Translating Dante." Goldwin Smith's "Englishmen in Norman days" presents novel phases of a much travelled, much by-written region, and offers some clear and just views of French imperialism. Alice Cary has commenced another of her celebrated western stories entitled "The Great Doctor." Then there is numerous poems by Bryant, Saxe, Lowell, and others. Everybody should take the Atlantic. Ticknor & Fields, of Boston, are the publishers.

**Godey's Lady's Book** for July is just received. Though a little late this month it is enough better to make up for the delay. "Summer Joys" the frontispiece, a fine steel engraving is indeed splendid, representing luncheon time in the Harvest field. The Fashion plates are very nice and the reading matter excellent. It contains some very fine poems, and the music "I'm Dreaming of the Absent," is good. L. A. Godey, Publisher, Philadelphia.

Two shocks of an earthquake were felt in California on the 5th, extending from Sonora to Monterey. The shock seemed the heaviest at the latter place. No damage is reported.

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

**DR. SWAIN'S**  
**Bourbon Bitters**  
A Healthy Tonic, Gentle Stimulant,  
and Unequaled Morning Appetizer.

Prepared in Rio  
**OLD BOURBON WHISKY**  
Free from Grain Oil, With Flowers,  
Buds and Barks of the Highest  
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By increasing the appetite, assisting digestion, regulating the bowels, and giving tone to the system, they impart strength and vigor to the body, and cheerfulness to the mind.  
If your druggist or tradesman has not got THESE BITTERS, have him send for them. Remember the name, and take no other.  
For sale by druggists and Grocers everywhere.  
C. H. SWAIN, Proprietor,  
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At Wholesale in St. Paul, by  
**BEAUPRIE & KELLY.**  
**BENZ & CO.** v3n2ly1

**MARRIED.**

**Millinery Goods**

Miss ANNIE COUGRAVE

Takes pleasure in announcing to the Ladies of Winnebago City and vicinity that she has opened a **MILLINER SHOP** in

**WINNEBAGO CITY,**

and that she is now prepared to do all kinds of work in that line. She would here state that she has just received her spring and summer stock of goods, consisting of all the latest styles of Hats and Caps for Ladies, Misses and children. Also all styles of Artificial Flowers, Ribbons, and other trimmings. Hats and bonnets repaired and trimmed to order. She cordially invites all to call and examine her goods.  
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**Harness Shop.**

The undersigned takes this method of informing the people of Winnebago City and vicinity, that he has just opened a new harness shop in

**WINNEBAGO CITY,**

and is now prepared to do all kinds of work in his line. New harness made to order, and all kinds of repairing done on short notice. Shop up stairs, next door south of Richardson & Reynolds' Grocery.  
**E. H. HUTCHINS.** 324f

Winnebago City, May 25, 1866.

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**Know Thy Destiny.**

M. Adame E. F. Thornton, the great English Astrologist, Clairvoyant and Psychometrist, who has astonished the scientific classes of the Old World, has now located herself at Hudson, N. Y. Madame Thornton possesses a such wonderful power of second sight, as to enable her to impart knowledge of the greatest importance to the single or married of either sex. While in a state of trance, she delineates the very features of the person you are to marry, and by the aid of an instrument of intense power, known as the Psychometre, guarantees to produce a life-like picture of the future husband or wife of the applicant, together with date of marriage, position in life, leading traits of character, &c. This no humbug, as thousands of testimonials can attest. She will send, when desired, a certified certificate, or written guarantee, that the picture is what it purports to be. By enclosing a small lock of hair, and stating place of birth, age, disposition and complexion, and enclosing 25 cents and stamped envelope addressed to yourself, you will receive the picture and desired information by return mail. All communications strictly confidential. Address, in confidence, Madame E. F. THORNTON, P. O. Box 228, Hudson, N. Y.

**ERRORS OF YOUTH.**

A gentleman who suffered for years from Nervous Debility, Premature Decay, and all the effects of youthful indiscretion, will, for the sake of relieving humanity, send free to all who need it, the receipt and directions for making the simple remedy by which he was cured; suffering wishing to profit by the advertiser's experience, can do so by addressing **JOHN B. OGDEN,** No. 13 Chambers St., New York

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**BLUE EARTH CITY.**

Goods well bought, are half sold.

**A. B. BALCOM**

offers

**GREAT BARGAINS**

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**DRY GOODS,**

GROCERIES,

HATS & CAPS,

YANKEE NOTIONS,

Etc., Etc., Etc.

at prices that

**DEFY COMPETITION.**

GOOD

**Butter & Cheese**

wanted at all times at the market price.

I never was, Never can, and

Never will be

**UNDER SOLD!**

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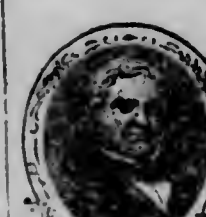
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### Condition of the Crops.

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**Wheat.** From an actual analysis of statistical returns, with due regard to the usual average product, and present losses of each State, the prospect on the first of June was for seventenths of a crop, with favorable weather and absence from casualties before harvesting. The indications point to three fourths of an average. The total field of wheat in Ohio and Indiana appears to have suffered most from winter killing. A prospect for 34 per cent. of a crop of winter wheat in Indiana was recently discouraging. An increase of four tenths of the average growth of spring wheat will afford some relief, and ought to bring up the average to half a crop.

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In Iowa the appearance of winter wheat is nine tenths; spring, ten and three fourths. Breadth of the latter sown, twelve and one eighth. This should give at least an average crop for Iowa.

In Pennsylvania the wheat crop is eight tenths.

In Missouri prospects for a full crop of winter wheat is reported, with one half tenth, or five per cent. more than the usual breadth of spring wheat, looking nearly as well as usual at this season of the year.

Kentucky is reported at five and two thirds of a tenth. Michigan seven and a half of a tenth. Minnesota ten and five ninths of a tenth for winter wheat and nine tenths for spring wheat. Kansas fourteen and one third of a tenth for winter, and twelve tenths for spring wheat.

In New England, except in Massachusetts, a full growth of spring wheat is sown, looking better than an average in Maine, and a fraction lower than an average in other States. Winter wheat, when it is grown at all, suffers to the extent of one and two tenths and in Vermont and Connecticut three tenths.

New Jersey is placed in the same list with New York and Pennsylvania, at eight tenths, and Delaware, Maryland, and West Virginia will each average about six tenths. The section west of the Mississippi, comprising Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas, taken together promises more than an average crop of wheat.

**Clover.** More clover was sown than usual, and it reported in full average condition. In Delaware and Missouri, the appearance is worse, though the increased average will make up the deficiency. Maryland, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Illinois and Kansas, fall a little below the average. Maine, thirteen and one sixth of a tenth.

Pasture returns have not been favorable for the dairy interest. A very general falling off is observed in the condition of pastures, except in the States beyond the Mississippi.

Maple sugar and molasses will average nine and three quarters of a tenth. New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Delaware ten tenths, and the other New England States, nine and a quarter tenths, the Middle and Western States, from seven to nine tenths.

**Sheep.** The field this spring is in better condition than usual. In some places, neglect, and consequently disease and death, is reported, arising from depreciation in prices of wool.

**Fruit.** A medium crop of apples is indicated, though there is variation in the appearance in different localities. In New England and the extreme West the prospects is better than usual; in the Central States, worse. Peaches have suffered from winter killing very generally. In Ohio, scarcely a third of a crop is expected; in New Jersey, less than half a crop; in Delaware and Maryland, about six tenths.

### Terrible Murder in Indiana.

A tragedy, rivalling those of Deerfield, Ohio, and Philadelphia, where whole families were butchered, occurred at an early hour on Tuesday morning, in the vicinity of West Baden, Orange county, Indiana.

From what we have been informed of the case, it appears that shortly after the breaking out of the war, a man named McCracken enlisted in the Union ranks. A short time after his departure for the seat of war, his house and barn were burned to the ground, the fire having originated by the torch of an incendiary. On returning home, after having served his country faithfully, Mr. McCracken learned, from a family named Woodward, that a man named William Saunders was the incendiary, his own daughter having acknowledged the fact. Saunders was arrested at the instance of McCracken, but the case was finally compromised, and the suit withdrawn. The county officials, however, took hold of the matter, and the grand jury having indicted Saunders, his trial was set for this week.

Saunders, hearing that the Woodward family would be the principal witnesses against him, swore that they should never appear in the court room alive. In fulfillment of these threats, he on Tuesday morning last, a short time before daylight, repaired to the residence of Mr. Woodward, and with a bowie-knife, coolly and deliberately murdered Mr. Woodward, his wife, and eldest daughter, and an old lady, the mother of Woodward. The bloody deed becoming known throughout the neighborhood, the murderer, was pursued, and finally arrested. The most intense excitement prevails throughout the whole of Orange county, and strong threats of lynching the assassin have been made.

### The True Wife.

A faithful and affectionate wife is a priceless treasure to her husband. She is the chosen one to assist him through life—to educate and prepare his children for a proper station in life. The husband's interest in the wife's care, and her greatest ambition carries her no farther than his welfare or happiness, together with that of her children.

This is her sole aim, and the theatre of her exploits is the bosom of her family, where she may do as much toward making a fortune as he can in the counting room or the workshop. It is not the money earned that makes a man wealthy—it is what he saves from his earnings. A good and prudent husband makes a deposit of the fruit of his labors, with his best friend. The wife acts not for herself only, but she is the agent of many whom she loves, and she acts for their good, and not for her own gratification. Her husband's good is at the end at which she aims—his approbation is her reward. Self-gratification in dress, or indulgence in appetite, or more company than his purse can well entertain, she considers equally pernicious and carefully avoids. She is the partner of his bosom, the solace of his sorrows, the participant of his joys. His comfort is in her aim, her confidence and love his reward. A sojourner with him on earth she sweetly soothes his sorrows, so tens the asperity of life, worships with him at the same altar, and when the angel of death shall have summoned both to the untold scenes of a future world, she trusts to be united with him in the bonds of eternal felicity.

### Affecting Anecdote.

On one of the many bridges in Ghent stands two brazen images of father and son, who obtained this distinguished mark of the admiration of their fellow citizens, by the following incident:

Both the father and the son were, for some offence against the State, condemned to die. Some favorable circumstance appearing on the side of the son, he was granted a remission of his sentence under certain provisions; in short, he was offered a pardon, on the cruel and barbarous condition that he would become the executioner of his father.

He at first resolutely refused to preserve his life by means so fatal and detestable. This is not to be wondered at; for let us hope, for the honor of our nature, that there are very few sons who would not have spurned with abhorrence life sustained on a condition so horrible and unnatural. The son, though long inflexible, yielded at length to the entreaties of a fond father, who represented to him that his (the father's) life was forfeited, and it would be the greatest possible consolation for him to know that he was the instrument of his son's preservation.

The youth consented to adopt the horrible means of recovering his life, and liberty; he lifted the axe—but as it was about to fall, his arm sank nerveless, and the axe dropped from his hand. Had he as many lives as hairs, he would have yielded them all, one after the other rather than again conceive much less perpetrate such an act. Life, liberty, everything vanished before the dearer interests of filial affection; he fell upon his father's neck, embracing him triumphantly exclaimed, "My father, my father! we die together!" and then called to another executioner to fulfill the sentence of the law.

Hard must the hearts be—bereft of every sensation of humanity—which could stand insensible spectators of the scene. A sudden appeal of involuntary applause, mingled with groans and sighs, rent the air. The execution was suspended; and on a simple report of the transaction to the authorities, both were pardoned. High rewards and honors were conferred upon the son; and finally those two admirable images were raised to commemorate a transaction so honorable to human nature.

### In the Wrong Pew.

During the recent sessions of the United States District Court at Winona, a considerable number of St. Paul men visited that city in the capacity of grand and petit jurors. Among the latter was a select party of gentlemen belonging to the Masonic fraternity—rubicund, rotund and jolly fellows—and to while away a passing hour they concluded one evening to go to the lodge room of their order. They went and, finding the door open, walked in, and took their seats. A few minutes later, a bevy of fair Winonians came tripping into the hall. This, of course, astonished the obese St. Paul jurymen, and one of them approached one of the ladies timidly asked, "Isn't this a Masonic lodge?" The answer was prompt. "No, sir! this is a Good Templar's lodge." This was the last place those purple visaged gentlemen thought of getting into, and they dusted out of it at a rate that made their pursy coat tails imitate the music of castanets.—St. Paul Press.

### A California Romance.

A San Francisco paper tells of a young physician who led to the altar, in 1847, a young lady, but a few minutes after the marriage ceremony he was arrested for having procured a "subject" from a neighboring graveyard. The officer granted the bridegroom a few moments' private conversation with his wife, which he improved by making his escape to California. During his wanderings up and down the earth he neglected to correspond with his wife, who, believing him dead married again. After a time he learned that fact, but determined to remain dead to her, and it was not until he

read an account of the death of the husband of his wife that he wrote to her, stating that he still lived, and cherished her memory as green as when he kissed her lips at parting nineteen years ago. He told her that he was still free, and asked her to come and enjoy with him the fortune he had accumulated. The wife widow received the letter, and while she read the early love returned, and she determined to join him, which she did, arriving in California in due time, and was met on the wharf by the old husband, who conducted her to the hotel where they were married.

### The Idle Man.

The idle man is an annoyance, a nuisance. He is of no benefit to anybody. He is an intruder in the busy thoroughfare of everyday life. He stands in our path, and we push him contemptuously aside. He is of no advantage to anybody. He annoys busy men. He makes them unhappy. He is a cypher in society. He may have an income to support him in idleness, or he may 'sponge' on his good natured friends. But in either case he is despised. Young man, do something in this busy, bustling, wide-awake world. Move about for the benefit of mankind, if not for yourself. Do not be idle. God's law is that by the sweat of our brow we shall earn our bread. That law is a good one, and the bread we earn is sweet. Do not be idle. Minutes are too precious to be squandered thoughtlessly. Every man and every woman, however exalted or however humble, can do good in this short life, if so inclined; therefore do not be idle.

### Smoking Makes Cross Husbands Amiable.

Mrs. Smith: "Why do I allow my husband to smoke in the house? Bless me, Mrs. Brown, I would not stop him for the world! Do you know that when he is angry with me—when we have been having a word or two together, as I suppose the best of husbands and wives occasionally have,—he rushes to his cigar and leaves me for a good hour all to myself. It seems to relieve him and saves me an infinity of blowing up. After he has smoked it, I can assure you the poor creature is quite mild, and sometimes he will actually beg my pardon. The fuming that I should have got is bestowed elsewhere. I look upon a cigar as the very best friend a woman has, and I'm positive, too, that it's the saving of an immensity of swearing. After all, a volley of smoke isn't half so expensive as a volley of oaths. When all is said and done, my dear, smoke, take my word for it, is a very fine thing. It cures many a bad temper, and preserves many a sweet one."

### Be Polite.

It is said that George McDuffie of South Carolina was very polite, even when a little boy. One evening he was holding a calf by the ears while his mother milked the cow; a gentleman passing by said, "Good evening, my son."

George returned, "Good evening, sir," with such a polite bow, that the gentleman noticed him and said, "Why didn't you pull off your hat, my little man?"

George answered, "If you will come here and hold my calf, I will pull off my hat to you, sir."

George's politeness and shrewd remarks were the making of him. That the gentleman said to his mother, "Your son is a smart boy, and if properly trained will make a great man some day. If you will permit me, I will give him a start in the world."

The mother thanked the gentleman for his kindness, and let him take the charge of her son. George rose from taking care of a calf to be a clever and successful lawyer; afterwards he became a member of Congress, and then he became Governor of South Carolina.

— The total revenue of the fiscal year ending July 1, is rated as follows: Internal revenue tax, \$305,000,000; tariff, \$115,000,000.

# THE HOMESTEAD



WINNEBAGO CITY, MINN.

JULY 11, 1866.

J. L. CHRISTIE, Editor

STRASOE.—We cannot see why Christie of the *Free Homestead*, sticks his name in as editor, when everything editorially that appears in that little paper has to be subjected to the censorship of Receiver Holley. If Holley is dictator, and Christie a curtain that hides the scene within, we wish to know it. Give us your ideas, Mr. Holley, about the Johnson-Norton "goose," and the rump of the nation—Congress. Which are you for? It's bread and butter.—*St. Peter Advertiser*.

Most assuredly, Mr. *Advertiser*, you can know anything reasonable regarding "that little paper," that you may be ignorant of. In the first place you had better consult Mr. Webster and learn how to spell our name. In the second place we put our name at the head of our paper because we are the editor and proprietor of our paper, and therefore claim to have the right to place it there. Again, everything does not have to be subjected to the censorship of Receiver Holley. We "paddle our own canoe," and care not whether our writing meets the approval of Holley, more than it does that of the *Advertiser*. Mr. Holley was editor of the *Homestead* from March 4th, A. D. 1864, till October 22d A. D. 1865, since the last named date he has had no more to do with the *Homestead*, than the man that runs the *Advertiser*—(we do not know his name, as he appears to be ashamed to place it at the head of his columns.) Again, we are no "curtain" to be used as a screen for any man, party or set of men. As for our paper, we admit that it is not a very large one, but thank God, it is loyal. Hoping this may satisfy the "Strange" man, we will drop him.

## Land Grant Passed.

On the 28th ult the Bill giving an additional grant of land to the Southern Minnesota Railroad passed the House as it came from the Senate. This Bill gives the company "every alternate section for ten sections in width on each side of the road." With this additional grant of land we see no reason why we may not look for an early completion of this road. Good for Congress, good for the S. M. R. R., and good for every body. "Look out dar now, don't you hear de whistle blowin'."

The Democracy of the State are in a quandary. They do not know whether to support Andrew Johnson or not. The *Chatfield Democrat* says they do support him, and that they do not; that they support him in some things, and in others they do not, that they did support him, but do not now, that they now support him, but once they did not; that they will support him if he will do what they want him to; and that they won't support him if he does not do their bidding.—The fact is they are afraid of him. They like liars and drunkards, but Andy suits them to well. They are afraid that he will be like the Paddy's flea, when they put their fingers on him, he won't be there. We advise them to handle him carefully. He is "powerful rotten."

The *Free Homestead*, a little seven-by-nine printed at Winnebago City, Minn., speaks of President Johnson as a "brute." Andy will probably feel very bad when he hears of it.—*La Crosse Democrat*.

Very complimentary; thank you, Brick. Didn't you have a very severe attack of "bowels ake" after that delivery?

Another party traitor has gone to render his final accounts to him who is to be the Judge Advocate over us all. Hon. James H. Lane of Kansas, betrayed his party by casting his vote in favor of President Johnson's veto of the Civil Rights Bill. When he returned home, he was colly met by those who had but a short time before been his warmest friends. All shunned him, and showed him marked contempt. James' conscience smote him, he became wretched and finding

himself unable to regain the confidence of his constituents, he, on Sunday, July 1st, deliberately blew out his brains. He is gone, let him rest. No eye will be tear-dimmed at his exit.

"Vox Populi" has been to St. Peter, and while there wrote a letter to the *St. Paul Press*. In the course of his letter he tells us how Tom Perry, Jr. editor of the *St. Peter Advertiser* "wooded and won" a glass of lager. Tom is a strong exponent of Democratic religion, and is a fair specimen of the party he represents. "Vox" says:

"I have a touching incident to relate relative to 'an editor's wooing,' which the 'Democratic' readers of the *Press* will undoubtedly enjoy (?) I would not refer to the matter in this public way but for the fact that the wooing took place in one of the public saloons of this city, in presence of 'a large and intelligent audience.' The story runs about in this wise: A few evenings since the junior editor of the *St. Peter Advertiser*, better known to the public as Tom Perry, the editor and fiddler, having been refused credit for a glass of beer at the saloon referred to, being out of money, as is usual with country editors, proposed in order that good feeling might be maintained between the parties, to kiss the saloon keeper's posterior.—I. e., the place where he sits down on—and the proposition having readily been assented to by the saloon keeper, he (the saloon keeper) immediately "exposed to public view" that part of his "physical corporeity" above referred to, and the editor afterwards bowed his head and kissed it. The wooing proved effectual and the editor got his beer with out cost. Before closing the paragraph, it is proper to state that the *Advertiser* is the Democratic organ of this county, and as vile a sheet as ever was published."

The *St. Paul Pioneer* of the 6th inst., says:

Yesterday afternoon quite a serious collision occurred on the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad, just above Maomoin. Mr. Winter's train, (the evening passenger train down,) had run on the switch at Maomoin, and Mr. Barstow's train (the up passenger train) had passed them, and gone on. About one-third of a mile above the depot the latter train was met by a down freight train, and the two collided.

Both engines were badly injured, and one, the freight engine, almost knocked to pieces, and thrown from the track. No cars were injured, nor was any person hurt so far as we could learn. The passengers on the passenger train saw the freight train coming, and seeing that there would be a collision, jumped off.

The damage will amount to several thousand dollars, but it is fortunate that no lives were lost.

## Frightful Barbarity.

A Presbyterian clergyman named Lindsley has been arrested at Medina, N. Y., for whipping his little boy to death. The child, who would have been three years old in August, refused to say his prayers when ordered to do so by its step-mother. The father then administered the cruel and fatal punishment above mentioned. The following is the father's testimony before the Coroner's Jury:

"On the 18th of June the child disobeyed his step-mother, and I commenced correcting him, using a shingle for the purpose, and continued to chastise him for more than two hours, when the child began to show signs of debility, and I ceased to punish him and laid him on a couch, and called my wife. When she saw the child she said he was dying, and before 12 o'clock he was dead.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict "that death resulted from chastisement by the father."

The Rochester *Union* says: The body of the child told more plain ly and pathetically than words could, the terrible punishment it had undergone. Several of its fingers were broken and the nails knocked off; the skin was abraded, and the blood had oozed from every pore. To conceal the crime the father tied the little one's hands behind his back and himself placed it in his coffin. While the physicians were making a post mortem examination of the body, he sat by, coolly looking at the proceedings. After a while he spoke and asked them if they had not carried "this thing about far enough." The physicians could discover no disease about the child— it died solely from excessive and cruel punishment.

We are told that Lindsley justifies his horrid work. He thinks it was duty to punish the child until his will was broken and he obeyed. Lindsley was arrested yesterday and committed to jail at Albion. It was with the utmost difficulty that the officers who had him in charge could keep the citizens of Medina and neighborhood from lynching the villain on the spot. Lindsley is a man about five feet eight inches in height, well proportioned, has black whiskers and dark complexion. He has the appearance of a man of violent temper. As to his character hitherto we know nothing against him. He has a farm and is said to be a man of

some means. He has not charge of an established church, but he preaches occasionally—is what is called a mission clergyman.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

To the *Free Homestead*.

Prescott, July 9, 1866.

MR. EDITOR.—In your paper of July 4th, in an editorial speaking of some resolutions of the Homestead Convention, of the town of Prescott, you say you published them by request, as though you wanted to ward off the consequences of so doing. You accuse us of denouncing the taxing of homesteads. We did not intend to have it so understood. Our object was to denounce officials who assume to levy taxes without the authority of the law, there are many of us that would be glad if there was a law to enforce the collection of taxes on government lands occupied by settlers as homesteads, but there is none and we must wait with patience until we receive our patents.

You pretend to seem surprised at our refusing to pay taxes on these lands, as some of our people you talked with, were in favor of such tax.—They are still in favor of it, but want it to be according to law, not to depend upon their generosity, as you intimate it ought; people that pay taxes out of pure generosity, are few and far between. A strong proof that there is no law to enforce the collection of these taxes, is—

1st, They being offered at tax sales from time to time, turned over to the State for the want of bidders (the State is getting a fine lot of lands on hand), there is no title to the lands, nothing that a moneyed man can cling to to get his money back again, he knows as well as you or I do, that when we get our patents they will bear the date issuing and that will be the time when the title will pass from government to us, we will have a clear title from the government, then what becomes of your tax levied previous to that time?

2d, They are being abandoned to the government every day at the Land Office, papers canceled, new parties allowed to file on them; then what becomes of your tax levied previous to that time. The whole thing is a farce beneath the dignity of State or county officers, or ought to be. Thus we might go on.

But space warns us to cut the matter short. As to what the Hon. Wm. Winton and others said in and out of Congress about the benefits of the taxes arising from these lands, that will be realized in a few years. Faribault county will be prosperous and rich, one of the first in the State. Just think of the idea of the grant of land to the Southern Minnesota Railroad finding your lands unsettled, no one can tell how much longer our county would have been in filling up. We would say to county and State officials, don't make such haste to be rich, for the good book says they that make haste to be rich shall enter into many temptations. About the decision of the Secretary of the Interior, we are agreed. We don't claim that he decided the right or wrong of the tax, simply that taxes could not be collected under existing laws.

But, Mr. Editor, the thing that beats us worse than all, is the way you wind up your editorial. Now we beg of you don't get in a rage at the courts for their decision, for we have no idea that it will ever go into court, it is too much of a farce to ever go there for investigation. Your name (*Free Homestead*), and this last matter of having the law repealed, and taking on so wofully in general, illy comports together, would suggest a change that would harmonize. With this we leave you for the present, if we should see this in print, and conclude that some thing more can be said, we may come again. Yours truly, PRESCOTT.

The above being a very good repudiation of the resolution referred to, comment by us is unnecessary. We believe in the governments giving its lands away, but we do not believe in its supporting the recipient after the land has been donated to him.

For the *Free Homestead*.

## Homestead Convention.

Prescott, July 9, 1866.

MR. EDITOR.—The anniversary of our National Independence was celebrated by the Homestead settlers and others in the township of Prescott on the 4th day of July, in a manner becoming the occasion. The following are the proceedings of the day, which, if agreeable to you, you may publish.

Officers of the day, President, John

James, Marshall, Lieut. Harding: Orators, Rev. Mr. Wheeler and Brown.—The exercises opened by an acknowledgment of Divine favor and imploring future blessings on the Nation.

The Declaration of Independence was then read by the President.

The citizens were then addressed successively by the Orators of the day, in a manner calculated to inspire patriotism and loyalty to the Government and confidence in Divine Protection.

After the orations were delivered we were conducted to a Bower neatly prepared for the occasion where we were served to an entertainment which bespeaks the generosity of the citizens of Prescott. The efficiency and good judgment of the committee of arrangements and especially the good taste of the ladies by whom it was served up.

After a discussion of the viands, Sentiments, or toasts were read amidst hearty cheering that bespoke the joy of the occasion. Next succeeded some business matters.

Our former resolutions were read and explanations given that all might understand our movements, and proceeded to organize township conventions and be ready to organize a county convention.

An Executive committee was elected, consisting of John James, Jacob Lent and William Miller.

Resolved, That the party take the name of THE HOMESTEAD PARTY.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the orators of the day.

Resolved, That those of us who then survive, celebrate the next 4th of July in connexion with the townships of Guthrie, Barber, and Lura.

The blessing of Divine Providence was again implored and the convention adjourned to meet at the call of the Executive committee.

Toasts.

The day we celebrate—May its memory be cherished as the birth-day of the best Government under the Sun.

George Washington—The Father of his country, May he ever live in the hearts of his countrymen.

Abraham Lincoln—A martyr to Liberty, May he ever be honored as the preserver of our Glorious Union.

The Emancipation Proclamation—The crown of Liberty, May its influence extend to the uttermost parts of earth, till every slave shall be free.

Radiants—The advance line of Popular Rights, May they choose the way for Freedom's march.

Conservatives—The rear line of Popular Rights, May they act well their parts.

Copperheads—The Northern wing of the Southern Rebellion, May they be smothered in their low and slimy dens.

The Great West—The right arm of Freedom, As the Babylon tree may its branches continue to extend, forming new trunks (States) till the oppressed of all nations take shelter under it from the scorching beams of Tyranny and Oppression.

Wm. Nichols is corresponding Secretary of the Prescott Homestead Convention. Post Office Address, Prescott, Faribault Co. Minn.

Lemons, Lemonsade, Figs, Oranges, Dates, Firecrackers and Fancy Candies for sale at the DRUG STORE! Winnebago City, July 2, '66

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the undersigned must come forward and make payment on or before the 22d inst. All accounts not settled at that date will be placed in the hands of an Attorney for collection. DR. A. LOCKWOOD. Winnebago City, July 11th, 1866.

## TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The advertiser, having been restored to health in a few weeks by a very simple remedy, after having suffered for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease, Consumption—is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means.

To all who desire it, he will send a copy of the prescription used (free of charge), with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will find a sure cure for Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds, and all Throat and Lung Affections. The only object of the advertiser in sending the Prescription is to benefit the afflicted, and spread information which he conceives to be invaluable, and he hopes every sufferer will try his remedy, as it will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing.

Parties wishing the Prescription, FREE, by return mail, will please address Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON, Williamsburgh, Kings Co., N. Y.

## Probate Notice.

State of Minnesota, ss. In Probate court County of Martin.

Estate of Isaac Johnson of the township of Fairmont in said county, deceased.

On the reading and filing of the petition of Charles Johnson of said township and county, to be appointed guardian to the minor heir of Isaac Johnson, deceased. It is ordered that all persons interested, do appear at a court of Probate to be holden at the court room in the village of Fairmont in said county, on the first day of August 1866, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner shall not be granted.

And it is further ordered that public notice be given by causing a true copy of this order to be published in the "*Free Homestead*" a newspaper printed at Winnebago City, in Faribault county, in said State, three weeks successively prior to the said day of hearing.

THOMAS WALKER, Judge of Probate, Martin Co., Minn. ALBERT L. WARD, Att'y.

## POSTPONEMENT.

The United States Prize Concert

To have been given at Crosby's Opera House, Monday, May 28th, 1866, will be postponed until

Monday, July 9th, 1866.

on which occasion HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN PRIZES will be presented to ticket holders, including One Hundred Thousand Dollars IN GREENBACKS.

The postponement is an unavoidable necessity (not so much in consequence of the number of tickets yet unsold) as the positive necessity there is for a proper registration of those already disposed of, which has been delayed in consequence of the negligence and carelessness of our Agents in making their proper returns. We advise all parties wanting tickets to send for them without delay, as we have but a limited number on hand. We wish most particularly to impress upon the mind of our Agents the importance of their making their returns at once and of rectifying any mistakes or errors may have crept into their reports heretofore. We will say to those sending for tickets, that if they should all be sold at the time their order is received, the money will be returned. No applications for new Agencies for the sale of tickets will be considered, as we have no more than sufficient tickets for those agents we have already appointed. Tickets for sale at all the principal Hotels, Book and Music stores in the city, and at our office 133 Dearborn street; price \$1 each; sent by mail on receipt of price and stamp, for return postage. We invite the particular attention of persons wishing to order tickets by mail to the following

## Special Terms, or Club Rates.

Any party procuring a club of five or more names for tickets, and forwarding us the money for the same, will be allowed the following commission, viz:

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| 5 Tickets to one address for       | \$1 50 |
| 10 Tickets to one address for      | 9 00   |
| 20 Tickets to one address for      | 17 50  |
| 30 Tickets to one address for      | 26 25  |
| 40 Tickets to one address for      | 35 00  |
| 50 Tickets to one address for      | 43 50  |
| And 100 Tickets to one address for | \$5 00 |

WIGGINS, BRADFORD & CO., (Post Office Drawer 5012) 133 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.

The proprietors will donate to the Lincoln and Douglas Monument Fund \$2000; also there will be \$2000 reserved from the persons drawing the \$30,000 prize, for the same purpose.

REFERENCES.—Hon. Major Dan. Mace, Ex-M. C., of Ind.; Hon. Ira J. Laycock, of Kansas; Hon. William Leffingwell, Lyons, Iowa; Hon. Joseph Knox, of Chicago; Hon. C. Graves Smith of Minn.; Jacob Forsyth, Agt. M. S. R. R. Chicago, Ill.; M. Kronberg & Co., importers of watches, Chicago.

## United States Internal Revenue.

First District, State of Minnesota.) Rochester, June 27th, 1866.

Notice is hereby given, that the annual List of Valuation and enumeration of property subject to tax, under the act entitled "An Act to provide internal Revenue to support the Government, to pay interest on the public debt, and for other purposes," approved June 20th 1864, and amended March 3d, 1865, made and taken by the Assistant Assessor of the 15th division, of said district, will remain open for the inspection of all persons for the space of TEN DAYS, (Sundays excepted), from and after the 27th day of June, 1866, at the office of A. B. Balcom, Esq., Assistant Assessor for said division, in the village of Blue Earth City.

Further notice is hereby given, that I will be at said office on the (7th) seventh day of July, A. D. 1866, to hear and determine appeals relative to any erroneous or excessive valuation assessment or enumeration return in said list. All appeals must be made in writing, and state the particular cause, matter and thing, respecting which a decision is requested, and the ground or principle of inequality or error complained of.

GEO. W. BAKER, Assessor of First District, Minnesota.

Charles E. Mayo & Co.

WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

## HARDWARE!

AGENTS FOR FAIRBANKS SCALES!

ST. PAUL.

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## Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Co-Partnership heretofore existing under the firm style of Rhodes & Haviland, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts settled by E. Rhodes, J. RHODES, F. HAVILAND. Winnebago City, May 29, 1866. 33w3

## NOTICE

Is hereby given that my wife, Drucilla H. Beers did, on the 22d day of December, 1865, without cause or provocation, leave my bed and board, and has gone to parts unknown by me. Therefore all persons are hereby warned not to trust or harbor on any account, as I will pay no debts of her contracting. Dated Fairmont, May, 30, 1866. 33w6 EDEN BEERS.

## Marriage and Celibacy.

AN Essay of Warning and Instruction to Young Men. Also, Diseases and abuses which prematurely Prostrate the vital Powers, with sure means of relief. Sent free of charge, in sealed letter envelopes. Address, Dr. J. SKILLAN HOUTON, Howard Association, Philadelphia, Pa. 33n21v1

DR. BIGELOW is the only Physician, as a Specialist now in Chicago, that can be entirely relied upon. Go to him, and not suffer that horrible disease to remain in your system, disfiguring your face and body, besides destroying your happiness and future prospects of life. He has more PRIVATE DISEASES AND NERVOUS DEBILITY his study for the past twenty years, and is therefore the person whom all afflicted should consult.

No one ever heard of a patient of his not being cured since he has been in this city. His reputation has no foundation, both here and abroad, as being the most skillful specialist here, and a thorough master of all sexual diseases. If all others fail, don't despair give him a call. It is only a common occurrence with him to cure such cases. His rooms are separate from ladies and gentlemen, and the most complete in the city.

Yours Man, TAZZ PATRICIA NORRIS—Doctor Bigelow cures such of his time to the treatment of those cases caused by a secret habit, which ruins both body and mind, causing the physical and mental powers, diminish and enfeeble the natural feelings, and the vital energy of the system. He is married, the object of marriage frustrated, and existence itself rendered a term of unending misery and regret. Such persons, especially those contemplating marriage, should lose no time in making immediate application, as Dr. B. by his new treatment is enabled to insure a speedy and permanent cure.

Consultations free and confidential. Office No. 179 South Clark Street, corner of Monroe, half a block from the Post Office. Post Office Box 154, Chicago, Ill. Office hours from 9 A. M. to 8 P. M.

Send for his "Guide to Health," published monthly, free of charge.

W. B. Ladies, send for a descriptive circular of Female Remedies, the best preventive of conception. Sent to any address free of charge.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

RANDALL & SMITH'S

PINE LUMBER YARD.

MANKATO, MINN.

The undersigned beg leave to inform the citizens of Winnebago City and vicinity, that they have established a Pine Lumber Yard at Mankato, and will keep constantly on hand a good assortment of CLEAR LUMBER, FENCING, FLOORING, SIDING, SHINGLES, LATH, PICKETS, DOORS, and SASH. Persons contemplating building will find it to their interest to give us a call, as our prices are reasonable.

RANDALL & SMITH, Front Street, Mankato, Minn., April 24, 1866. 6m

## Lovely Girls and Festive Boys.

Send an addressed envelope and 25 cents and I will send you some valuable information that will please you. Address MISS JANE BRYAN, 823 Broadway, New York.

## The Mason & Hamlin Cabinet Organs.

forty different styles, adapted to sacred and secular music, for \$30 to \$600 each. FIFTY ONE GOLD or SILVER medals, or other first premiums awarded them. Illustrated Catalogue free. Address, Mason & Hamlin, Boston, or MASON BROTHERS, New York.

## CITY HALL,

MANKATO, MINN.

JOHN F. MEAGHER

has on hand the largest and best selected stock of Hardware, Store and Agricultural Implements in the Minnesota valley. My stock of Agricultural Implements is very large and complete, consisting of the following machines:

55 Buckeye's.

60 J. H. Manny's,

Self & Hand Rakes,

20 Kirby's

Excelsior Droppers,

and Caugia Chief,

6 Sweepstakes Threshers,

6 J. I. Case's Threshers,

6 Velvator Threshers,

Massellon Machines,

6 Buffalo Sulky Rakes,

35 Revolving, horse rakes,

and all the smaller implements in stock.

My stock of Builders Hardware, has been selected with care, and is very large. Builders will always find a full supply of

Nails, Glass, Sash,

Doors, Blinds, &c. &c.

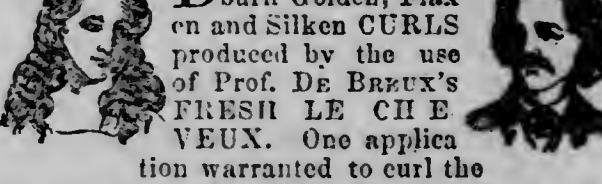
Locks, Latches.

Prices Exceedingly Low for

CASH!

All persons desiring to purchase Reapers and Threshers, would do well to give me a call before purchasing, as my stock is very large and I will warrant all machines to give satisfaction, and my prices and terms cannot fail to suit.

34v3y1 JOHN F. MEAGHER.



BEAUTY.—Auburn Golden, Flaxen and Silken CURLS produced by the use of Prof. De BRUX'S FRESH LIE CHE VEUX. One application warranted to curl the most straight and stiff born hair of either sex into wavy ringlets or heavy massive curls. Has been used by the fashionables of Paris and London, with the most gratifying results. Does no injury to the hair. Price by mail, scalp and postpaid, \$1. Descriptive circulars sent free. Address BERGER, SHUTTS & CO., Chemists, No. 252 River St., Troy N. Y. Sole agents for the United States.

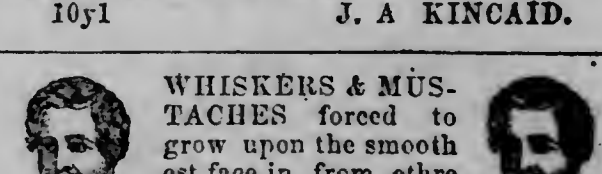
## Livery Stable!



J. A. KINCAID

takes pleasure in announcing to the public that he has opened a first class Livery Stable in Winnebago City, where good horses, sleighs and buggies can be had at all times. Travelers arriving here by stage carried to any section of country where stages do not run.

I will also break young horses to all kinds of work, in the best manner, and by the most approved system. Perfect satisfaction given, or no charge made. Give me a call. 10y1 J. A. KINCAID.





## LOCAL AFFAIRS.

WINNEBAGO CITY, JULY 11, 1866.

It might be of interest to some of our villagers to say that the Mail, at the Winnebago City Post Office, going West is made up on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings of each week, and those sending mail matter first, should be "on hand," if possible, in season. The mail is not closed until the following morning of each evening above mentioned, thereby giving you all a chance on special occasions.

G. K. MOULTON,  
Post Master.

Two hundred dollars worth of County Orders, on Fairbault county for sale at this office.

A new lot of *Warranty Deeds* just printed and for sale at this office. All so all kinds of *Justice's Blanks*.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the electors of school district No. 7, in the county of Fairbault, State of Minnesota, held at the school house in said district, in Winnebago City, on Thursday, June 25th, 1866, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of designating a site for a district school house.

By order of the Board of Trustees,  
P. E. HARLOW, Town Clerk.

## Our Fourth.

The Fourth passed off in grand style in this part of the nation. In the morning--so far as we can learn--every body got up, as usual, some per force of circumstances, others from choice. After breakfast every one thought themselves children again, and after securing the necessary "quarter," proceeded to buy a bunch of firecrackers. This last procedure "got us." Where, O where, could we raise the much desired amount? True, many of those who were thus reveling on firecrackers, were owing us more than enough to make us happy for the day, but they would not pay us. Sad and disconsolate we turned from the crowd and sought the solitude of our sanctum. As we left the jubilant throng we heard one who seemed to have a little of the "milk of human kindness" left, remark: "What miserably poor excuses these editors are. But it is really too bad, I almost wish I had paid my subscription that I have promised him so often. When I subscribed I promised to pay him in a few days, and here it has been nearly three years and I have never given him a cent. I fear he will think that I mean to let him about it." On reaching our sanctum we sank down upon our chair (an old box) and tried to think what would amuse us without cost. Our eyes fell upon an empty ink keg. An idea struck us--nearly knocking us over. We would be revenged upon the crowd outside. We knew there was not one among them but feared death. We took the keg, got some slavings, and marched into the street.

The crowd, with a sneer, asked us if we were going to have a bon fire. We held our peace till we had got the fire well kindled, and stepping back we told them we would show them such a bon fire as the never dreamed of, adding that the keg was a powder keg and that it contained powder enough to blow them all to 'kingdom come.' O, how pale they turned, and how we did enjoy their sufferings. Some fell upon their knees and tried to pry, some sank speechless to the ground, some ran away, and a very few that were owing us, declared they could not die with any hope of salvation until they paid us. We told them to do it quick (the keg was almost ashes) for their stay on earth was short. To our infinite satisfaction, "weasel skins" began to appear. Our heart grew light, and our face radiant with joy. No one of them, however, could pay the full amount. We counted the fruits of our "strategy," and found we had received almost a dollar. We too, would now be happy. But we were not selfish, we thought of a sad and sorrowful face seated by the window wishing it could 'go to the fourth.' Our mind was made up in a moment. We would forego the pleasure of shooting firecrackers, that face should celebrate with us if it took the last cent we had, and we would go away from home to do it, too. Not being able to hire a livery, we had to borrow. One man pitied us and loaned us what he called a horse, and presume it was, another gave us a harness, and a third--guess it was a buggy. Again were we happy. The smile that lit up our countenance, was visible to the naked eye at a great distance. We got that pretty face into our buggy and started out to find the fourth. We met it at Blue Earth City. We were all happy including the horse. People smiled as they saw us pass. A boy at the hotel said that we were happy, came out and took our "establishment." Then we went

to the grove, and got some ice cream and lemonade, taking very small dishes, telling the vender of the article that we didn't like much of such stuff--small dishes was the cheapest. We will mention here the only thing that marred our happiness. A week before, we had bought a fine pair of kid gloves that cost us 75 cents, to wear that day, but when we left we were so happy that we forgot them. This made us a little sad. After the ice cream, came the Declaration of Independence, read by Prof. Pelsey, and then the oration by Rev. Mr. Cooper. After these ceremonies we returned to our hotel and partook of a hearty meal of "fresh peas and sheep." At the table we found the people very rude, and because we asked the gentleman opposite to us if he would have a *pee*, every one in the room laughed at us, and we heard one say "just from the country." But we were happy, and cared not for their laughing.

After supper we began to deal with the man that sold tickets to the dance. After much talking, we induced the fellow to subscribe, we taking a ticket for pay. Again we were happy. We rejoined our fair companion and informed her of our success, and she was happy. The party proved a success, and all engaged seemed happy. After dancing a few times we returned to our lonely home, much elated at the "big time" we had had, since which time we have been trying to conceive of some plan by which we might frighten some more of our delinquents into paying us, that we might again be happy.

For the Best Sheetings, Shirts, Drawers, &c., at lowest prices, go to the **CHEAP CASH STORE** next to Richardson's.

**Journalistic.**--The St. Paul Pioneer has again sold out to the democracy of St. Paul. It will be a democratic journal in a few days.

A democratic paper has been born unto Owatonna, called the *Owatonna Democrat*. Poor place that, for such an organ.

The Fairbault Republican comes to us this week dressed up in a "span new frock," and looks clean, neat and pretty.

Bill King, of the Minneapolis *Atlas* has gone east to purchase new type and material to be used on a daily paper at that city. The first number will appear about the first of August.

To save money in the purchase of Hats and Caps, go to the **CHEAP CASH STORE**.

**Drowned.**--A boy 16 years of age, of Mr. Dodd, living near Blackmer's Saw Mill, together with another boy, whose name we have not learned, was drowned in the Blue Earth River one day last week. They were in bathing and ventured out to far in the deep water, and as neither of them could swim, they were both drowned before assistance could reach them.

**Johnson, at the CHURCH CASH STORE,** has just received a large assortment of Groceries which he is offering at reduced prices.

**Dr. Farley** has received a quantity of **GOOD Vaccine Virus**. Call and be vaccinated.

**Carr, of the South West paper** wants to know the definition of the word "nefarious." If he will borrow a dictionary he will find the word defined on page 880, first column on the page, something after this style. Nefarious, abominable; atrociously villainous; detestable; impious; &c. &c.

If you want a superior article of **Tea**, something that will just suit you, go to the **CHEAP CASH STORE**.

**Carr Huntington** says he received permission from A. H. Brown, Esq., to add the name of Dan Norton to the resolutions adopted by the Prescott Homestead Convention. Carr or Brown lies. Which is it?

In the month of June there were 22,600 acres of land entered at the land office in this place. Of this amount 16,500 were taken under the Homestead act.

**Poultry.**--If some of those subscribers who want to pay us with something beside money will bring us nice poultry, they will confer a favor upon us.

The *South West* says we have accused a man of being a Copperhead, who has long been a member of the Union League. Who is it, Carr? Not you, certainly.

**MARRIED.**  
**NUTT--TRIMBALL.**--At the Hotel in this place on the 9th inst., by A. F. De Lavegne, Mr. Merritt Nutt to Miss Abigail Trimball, all of Sterling, Blue Earth County.

"Them Nut" will be hard to crack we'll bet.

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

**DR. SWAIN'S**  
**Bourbon Bitters**  
*A Healthy Tonic, Gentle Stimulant, and Unparalleled Morning Appetizer.*

Prepared in Rippe  
**OLD BOURBON WHISKY**  
Free from Grain Oil, With Flowers, Buds and Bark of the Highest Medical Virtue.

By increasing the appetite, assisting digestion, regulating the bowels, and giving tone to the system, they impart strength and vigor to the body, and cheerfulness to the mind.

If your druggists or tradesman has not got THESE BITTERS, have him send for them. Remember the name, and take no other. For sale by druggists and Grocers everywhere.

C. H. SWAIN, Proprietor,  
24 South Wabash St., Chicago.

At Wholesale in St. Paul, by  
**BEAUPRIE & KELLY.**  
**BENZ & CO.** v3n21y1

## MARRIED.

**Millinery Goods**

**MISS ANNIE COGRAVE**  
Takes pleasure in announcing to the Ladies of Winnebago City and vicinity that she has opened a **MILLINERY SHOP** in

**WINNEBAGO CITY,**  
and that she is now prepared to do all kinds of work in that line. She would here state that she has just received her spring and summer stock of goods, consisting of all the latest styles of Hats and Caps for Ladies, Misses and children. Also all styles of Artificial Flowers, Ribbons, and other trimmings. Hats and bonnets repaired and trimmed to order. She cordially invites all to call and examine her goods.

Winnebago City, May 25, 1866. 321r

## Harness Shop.

The undersigned takes this method of informing the people of Winnebago City and vicinity, that he has just opened a new harness shop in

**WINNEBAGO CITY,**  
and is now prepared to do all kinds of work in his line. New harness made to order, and all kinds of repairing done on short notice. Shop up stairs, next door south of Richardson & Reynolds' Grocery.

**E. H. HUTCHINS.**  
Winnebago City, May 25, 1866. 321r

**CRAYELL'S**  
**WHITE LIQUID ENAMEL,**

For Improving and Beautifying the Complexion.

The most valuable and perfect preparation in use, for giving the skin a beautiful pearl-like tint, that is only found in youth. It quickly removes Tan, Freckles, Pimples, Blisters, Moth Patches, Saltiness, Eruptions and all impurities of the skin, kindly healing the same, leaving the skin white and clear as alabaster. Its use can not be detected by the closest scrutiny, and being a vegetable preparation is perfectly harmless. It is the only article of the kind used by the French, and is considered by the Persian as indispensable to a perfect toilet. Upwards of 30,000 bottles were sold during the past year, a sufficient guarantee of its efficacy. Price only 75 cents, sent by mail, on receipt of an order, by **BERGER, SHUTTS & CO., Chemists,** v3n25m6 255 River St., Troy, N. Y.

**Minnesota Mutual Insurance Co.**  
**Mankato, Minnesota.**

Insures against loss by  
**Fire and Lightning, and Death of Stock.**

**S. FINCH, President.** J. A. WISWELL Sec.  
O. O. PITCHER, Treasurer.  
J. A. KENNEDY,  
Chas. H. BERRY, General Agents.

REFERENCES:  
Hon. Chas. Scheffer, St. Paul. Hon. E. G. Hamlin, St. Cloud. Hon. A. Chambers, Owatonna. Hon. G. B. Cole, Fairbault. Hon. H. A. Subella New Minn. Hon. M. J. Donahue, Henderson. A. C. Dunn, Esq., Winnebago City. Sargent Franklin & Keyes, Winona. 21m3

**FAIRBANK'S STANDARD**

**Scales**  
OF ALL KINDS.

Also, Warehouse Trucks, Letter Presses, &c.  
**FAIRBANKS, GREENLEAF & CO.,**  
172 Lake Street, Chicago.

Be careful to buy only the genuine. 23y  
A GENTLEMAN, cured of Nervous Debility, Incompetency, Premature Decay and Youthful Error, actuated by a desire to benefit others, will be happy to furnish to all who need it, (free of charge), the receipt and directions for making his simple remedy used in this case. Those wishing to try his experience, and possess a Valuable Remedy, will receive the same, by return mail, (carefully sealed), by addressing **JOHN B. OGDEN,** 60 Nassau street, New York. n3m3

**Know Thy Destiny.**

Madame E. P. Thornton, the great English Astrologist, Clairvoyant and Psychometrist, who has ascertained the scientific classes of the Old World, has located here (at Hudson, N. Y.) Madame Thornton possesses such wonderful powers of second sight, as to enable her to impart knowledge of the greatest importance to the single or married of either sex. While in a state of trance, she delineates the very features of the person who goes to her, and by the aid of an instrument of intense power, known as the Psychometer, guarantees to produce a life-like picture of the future husband or wife of the applicant, together with date of marriage, position in life, leading traits of character, &c. This is no humbug, as thousands of testimonials can attest. She will send, when desired, a certified certificate, or written guarantee, that the picture is what it purports to be. By enclosing a small lock of hair, and stating place of birth, age, disposition and complexion, and enclosing 25 cents and stamped envelope addressed to yourself, you will receive the picture and desired information by return mail. All communications secretly confidential. Address, in confidence, Madame E. P. THORNTON, P. O. Box 228, Hudson, N. Y.

**ERRORS OF YOUTH.**

A gentleman who suffered for years from Nervous Debility, Premature Decay, and all the effects of youthful indiscretion, will, for the sake of suffering humanity, send free to all who need it, the recipe and directions for making the simple remedy by which he was cured; sufferers wishing to profit by the advertiser's experience, can do so by addressing **JOHN B. OGDEN,** No. 13 Chambers st., New York.

## Blue Earth City Advertisements

**BLUE EARTH CITY.**

Goods well bought, are half sold.

**A. B. BALCOM**

Offers

**GREAT BARGAINS**

IN

**DRY GOODS,**

GROCERIES,

HATS & CAPS,

YANKEE NOTIONS,

Etc., Etc., Etc.

at prices that

**DEFY COMPETITION.**

GOOD

**Butter & Cheese**

wanted at all times at the market price.

I never was, Never can, and

Never will be

**UNDER SOLD!**

Give me an early call, and see

for yourselves.

**A. B. BALCOM.**

Blue Earth City, May 14, 1866. 3n3y1

**Blue Earth City**

**DRUG STORE**

**SCHULER & THURSTON**

Have opened a Drug store at Blue Earth City, and offer for sale at lowest prices

**DRUGS,**

**MEDICINES,**

Patent Medicines,

Paints, Oils,

Putty, &c., &c.

**SCHOOL BOOKS,**

and

**STATIONERY.**

The very best Note, Letter, and Cap Paper kept constantly on hand.

**NOTIONS** of all kinds.

**PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS,**

a good variety, and cheap.

**CALL AND SEE US.**

**SCHULER & THURSTON.**

Blue Earth City, May 29, 1866. 32m6

**P. B. DAVY,**

Auction & Commission Merchant

Corner of South and Valeria streets,  
Blue Earth City, - - - Minnesota.

**CASH** paid for HIDES & SKINS.

Keeps constantly on hand a good assortment of

**FURNITURE.**

References.--Hon. J. R. Wakefield, Hill & Austin, Blue Earth; Isaac Marks, J. F. McLaughlin, Mankato; Munger Bros., St. Paul. June 4, 1866. 35m3

**R. WAITE,**

**JEWELER,**

Has, and will keep constantly on hand, for sale:

**CLOCKS and WATCHES,**

**Jewelry and Silver-ware,**

And will attend promptly to all kinds of Repairing of Clocks, Watches, and Jewelry, and guarantee perfect satisfaction to all who patronize him. Room opposite Union Hotel. 35y1

**BALDWIN & CHILD,**

**BANKERS,**

AND REAL ESTATE AGENTS,

Office opposite "Union House" Blue Earth City, Minnesota.

Will do a General Banking and Real Estate Business, pay Taxes for non-residents, make Collections, &c., &c.

H. D. BALDWIN, - - - S. P. CHILD, 30y1

Blue Earth City, May 7, 1866.

## Choice First Class Insurance

Against Loss by **FIRE**, by the

**ETNA**  
**INSURANCE COMPANY.**

Of Hartford, Conn. Incorporated 1819. Charter Perpetual.

The ETNA Insurance Company would call the attention of the public to the following facts:

A heavy cash capital, with Assets amounting to

**\$ 3,401,938.56**

Has transacted business successfully Forty-nine years, and continues to progress in Health, Wealth and Vitality. Has paid an aggregate loss of \$15,724,380 58

The ETNA is organized on a National Basis, with reliable Local agents, and occupies an enviable reputation, equal to all the emergencies it undertakes, worthy the

**CONFIDENCE OF ALL!**

Founding its claims to favor and patronage to **MERIT ALONE.**

Affording unequalled facilities and security for Insurance, and ranking

**The FIRST of Fire Insurance Companies.**

And insures at rates as liberal as the risks assumed permit for solvency and fair profit.

**Losses Equitably Adjusted and PROMPTLY PAID.**

Applications Solicited, and Policies Issued by

**R. E. ABBOTT, Agent at Winnebago City, Minn.**

**Clothing**

**EMPORIUM !!**

**WHOLESALE & RETAIL.**

**RANDALL & SMITH,**

Second Block above the Mankato House, Mankato Minn.

Exclusive Dealers in Ready Made

**CLOTHING**

for Men and Boys, Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, &c., &c.

We keep constantly on hand a full assortment of goods in our line, and warrant them, unsurpassed in style, quality and price.

Persons visiting Mankato will do well to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

**RANDALL & SMITH,**

Mankato, Minn. Dec. 6, 1865. 3.8.m6

**Manhood: How lost, how restored.**

Just published, a new edition of Dr. Culverwell's Celebrated

Essay on the radical cure (without medicine) of Spermatorrhoea, or seminal Weakness, Involuntary seminal Losses, Impotency, Mental and Physical Incapacity, Impediments to Marriage, etc.; also Consumption, Epilepsy, and Fits, induced by self indulgence or sexual extravagance.

Price, in a sealed envelope, only 6 cents. The celebrated author in this admirable essay clearly demonstrates, from a thirty years' successful practice, that the alarming consequences of self abuse may be radically cured without the dangerous use of internal medicine or the application of the knife--pointing out a mode of cure at once simple, certain, and effectual, by means of which every sufferer, no matter what his condition may be, may cure himself cheaply, privately and radically.

This Lecture should be in the hands of every youth and every man in the land. Sent, under seal, in a plain envelope, to any address, post paid, on receipt of six cents, or two post stamps. Addressing publishers, **CHAS. J. C. KINE & CO.,** 127 BOWERY, New York, Post Office Box 4586

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The Best of the Monthlies devoted to Fashion and Pure Literature. \$2.50 a year; two copies \$4. Eight (and one gratis) \$16. WHEELER & WILSON'S SEWING MACHINES given as Premiums. Send 15 cents for a sample copy to **DEACON & PETERSON,** 319 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

**DRUG EMPORIUM.**

**WICKERSHAM & Co.,**

DEALERS IN

**PURE DRUGS**

AND

**MEDICINES,**

**DYE-STUFFS,**

**PAINTS, OILS,**

**PERFUMERY AND**

**FANCY ARTICLES.**

Pure Wines and Brandies for

Medicinal Purposes,

Patent Medicines, &c. &c.

Letter, Cap and Note Papers,

Pencils, Superior Ink,

and other articles kept by Druggists generally

**PHYSICIANS' PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED.**

Front Street,

**Mankato, Minnesota.**

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

**New Drug Store**

**WINNEBAGO CITY,**

In the building adjoining the Land Office.

**DR. C. J. FARLEY,**

Takes pleasure in announcing that his **DRUG STORE** is now open and stocked with a full assortment of

**Drugs & Chemicals,**

**Patent Medicines,**

**Choice Perfumery.**

**Fancy Toilet Soap**

**Bay Rum,**

**Pure Unadulterated Liquors**

FOR

**MEDICAL PURPOSES.**

A small quantity of Choice

**TOBACCO and CIGARS**

**School Books and Stationery.**

Attention is called to the following list of Patent Medicines, among many others found at the Drug Store:

**AYER'S--Ague Cure,**

**Cherry Pectoral,**

**Sarsaparilla,**

**Vegetable Pills.**

**JAYNE'S--Alterative,**

**Expectorant,**

**Balsam,**

**Bermifuge,**

**Lin**

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**WINSHIP & GOODWIN**  
have just opened their

**NEW STORE**  
AT  
Winnebago City, Minnesota.  
with a choice selection of Ladies

**DR'SS GOODS,**  
Linings, Trimmings, Thread &c  
Bleached and Brown

**MUSLINS,**  
Gent's Cloths  
of the best qualities.

Flannels and Table Linens,  
Window Curtains &  
Rustic Blinds.

**Hats & Caps.**  
**Boots & Shoes.**  
Also a superior stock of

**GROCERIES**  
Comprising all kinds of  
Sugars, Teas, Coffees,  
Syrups, Spices, &c.

**TOBACCO**  
In choice varieties.  
We intend keeping a good supply of

**FURNITURE,**  
Consisting of  
Cane and Wood seat Chairs,  
Lounges, Bedsteads, &c.

We have located in Winnebago City, intending  
to make this our permanent home, as well as  
place of business, and we would respectfully so-  
licit the people of this community to call and  
examine our goods, and give us a fair portion  
of their patronage

Next door South of the Hard-  
ware Store.

**WINSHIP & GOODWIN.**  
Winnebago City, Minn. April 2, 1866.

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THE BEST  
**TEAS & COFFEES,**  
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The Death of Slavery.

BY WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

From the Atlantic for July.

O Thou great Wrong, through the slow paced years,

Didst hold thy millions fettered, and didst wield

The scourge that drove the laborer to the field,

And look with stony eye on human tears,

Thy cruel reign is o'er;

Thy bondmen crouch no more

In terror at the menace of thine eye;

For he who marks the bonds of guilty power,

Long suffering hath heard the captive's cry,

And touched his shackles at the appointed hour.

And lo! they fall, and he whose limbs they galled

Stands in his native manhood, disenthralled.

A shout of joy from the redeemed is sent;

Ten thousands hamlets swell the hymn of thanks;

Our rivers roll exulting, and their banks

Send up hosannas to the firmament.

Fields, where the bondmen's toil

No more shall trench the soil

Seem now to bask in a serene day;

The meadow birds sing sweeter, and the air

Of Heaven with more caressing softness play,

Welcoming man to liberty like theirs.

A glory clothes the land from sea to sea,

For the great land and all its coasts are free.

Within that land wert thou enthroned of late,

And they by whom the nation's laws were made,

And they who filled its judgement seats obeyed

Thy mandate, rigid, as the will of fate.

Fierce man at thy right hand,

With gesture fit command,

Gaveforth the words that none might dare gain-

say;

And gave the reverend ones who loved thee

not,

Shrank from thy presence, and in black dismay,

Choked down, unuttered, the rebellious thought

While means towards mingled with thy train,

Proved from the book of God, thy right to reign.

Great as thou wert, and feared from shore to

shore,

The wrath of God o'ertook thee in thy pride;

Thou sittest a ghastly shadow by thy side;

Thy once strong arms hang nerveless evermore,

And they who quailed but now

Before thy lowering brow

Devote thy memory to scorn and shame,

And scoff at the pale powerless thing thou art.

And they who ruled in thine imperial name,

Subdued, and standing sullenly apart,

Scowl at the hands that overthrew thy reign,

And shattered at a blow the prisoner's chain.

Well was thy doom deserved; thou didst not

spare,

Life's tenderest ties, but cruelly didst part

Huband and wife, and from the mother's

heart

Didst wrest her children, deaf to shriek and

prayer;

Thy inner lair became

The haunt of guilty shame;

Thy lash dropped blood; the murderer, at thy

showed his red hands, nor feared the ven-

geance due

A harvest of uncounted miseries grew,

Until the measure of thy sins at last

Was full, and then the avenging bolt was cast.

Go, then, accursed of God, and take thy place

With hateful memories of the elder time,

With many a wasting pest and nameless crime,

And bloody war has thinned the human race;

With the Black Death, whose way

Through wailing cities lay.

Worship of Moloch, tyrannies that built

The Pyramids, and cruel deeds that taught

To avenge a fancied guilt by deeper guilt--

Death at the stake to those who held thee not

Lo, the foul phantoms, silent in the gloom

Of the down ages, part to give the room.

I see the better years that hasten by,

Carry thee back into that shadowy past,

Where, in the dusty spaces, void and vast,

The graves of those whom thou hast murdered

lie,

The slave-pen through whose door

Thy victims pass no more,

Is there, and there shall the grim block remain

At which the slave was sold; while at thy feet

Scourges and engines of restraint and ruin,

Holder and rack by thine eternal seat,

There 'mid the symbols that proclaim thy crimes,

Well thou, a warning to the coming times.

## Frightful Tragedy in Arkansas.

From the Memphis Bulletin, 1st.

Information has just reached Mem-

phis of a dreadful tragedy which was

enacted on the Tecumseh plantation, lo-

cated in Chicco county, Arkansas, a

few nights ago, which resulted in the

death of five men, who were shot down

in cold blood by a band of marauders.

The plantation is situated on the Miss-

issippi, about seven miles above Grand

Lake, and is owned by Mr. E. P.

Johnson, and is farmed by Brig. Gen.

Adams, formerly of the 51st Ohio in-

fantry, and Messrs. Van Pelt & Jenk-

ins, under the firm of Adams, Van Pelt

& Co.

About one o'clock on the morning

of Tuesday week, while the rain was

descending in torrents, and when Gen.

Adams, Capt. Johnson, Capt. Van Pelt

and Capt. Jenks, the owners, were

asleep in a small dwelling on the plan-

tation, the door suddenly opened and

four stalwart

# THE HOMESTEAD



WINNEBAGO CITY, MINN.

JULY 18, 1866.

J. L. CHRISTIE, Editor

Notwithstanding the arduous efforts of Andy Johnson and the host of traitor allies he has gathered around him, to prevent a meeting of a quorum of the Tennessee Legislature, and thus prevent that body from ratifying the Constitutional Amendment, they are likely to fail in their native Gov. Brownlow strongly urges the ratification of said amendment and in accordance with his wishes the Senate has ratified it. The House still wants four to constitute a quorum. The Sergeant-at-arms is out after the absent members, and we may expect to hear, in a few days, that the House has also ratified the Amendment.

During the month of May there was taken at the Land Office in this place, 27,523 acres of land, being as far as head from 14,923 acres more than was taken in any other district of the State.—Winnebago Homestead.

Nor quite so fast, Mr. Homestead! By the detailed statement of the business of St. Cloud Land Office, published in last week's DEMOCRAT, you may learn that 39,547 acres were located here; or 12,324 acres more than at Winnebago. When the papers in that locality boast so loudly over their settlement, what should we say to give a proper idea of the immense immigration to this part of Minnesota? The figures themselves are the best witnesses.—St. Cloud Democrat.

"Gives 'um up," Mitchell. You beat us, and so, bally for your district.

By latest advices it appears that Andy Johnson has signed, instead of vetoed one Bill. The Bill referred to, is the one giving an additional grant of lands to the Southern Minnesota Railroad. It was feared by some that the President would not sign the Bill. As this bill has been duly signed, and thereby become a law, we say, thank you, Mr. Johnson.

On the fourth inst. a terrible fire occurred in Portland, Maine, in which two thousand buildings were destroyed and over two thousand families rendered homeless. It is supposed that the fire was caused by fire-works. Over ten million dollars worth of property was destroyed.

There has also been another large fire among the oil wells involving heavy loss. Some 20,000 barrels of oil was destroyed, besides serious damage being done to several wells.

Hot.—The heated term has fairly commenced. On the Fourth the thermometer rose to about 90°, and for the past five mid-day range has been but little below that point.—Central Republican.

Hotter.—The heated term has more than fairly commenced. A thermometer that cannot show a 100° of heat, is considered worthless.

Jim Lane didn't "go died" so much as he might. At last accounts he was still alive, and his friends had strong hopes of his recovery. Come to investigate the matter it was found that he never had any brains to blow out.

On the 12th inst. quite a debate took place on the question of bridging the Mississippi River. Hon. Wm. Windom moved an amendment authorizing a bridge to be built at Winona, which was carried.

The St. Paul Pioneer says: "A German boy, named Johnny Irvine, aged about 10 years, was drowned yesterday afternoon, near Cobb's saw mill, boy and the upper levee. He was in swimming with some companions when a raft passed. He hallooed to the raftsmen to throw him a board, which they did. He at once swam for it, but before reaching it sank and was drowned. His body was recovered in about half an hour. His parents reside near the College building.

The citizens of Minneapolis shipped on the 13th inst., one hundred barrels of flour, to Portland, Maine, for the relief of those made destitute and homeless by the late fire there. Nobly done, Minneapolis.

The Shakopee Argus says that the potato bugs have made their appearance in that section, and it is feared that by the middle of summer they will become quite a scourge. They are described as being about the size of an ordinary bean, deep red with black spots and are, in substance, pulpy. We haven't heard of "ary later" bug up this way yet.

The following will show about how things are running at Washington. Andy Johnson will soon have to get out a search warrant to find a friend.

A caucus of the Union members had been held, in which Senator Wilson declared himself at last convinced that the President has gone over to the opposition. Mr. Garfield announced that three other members of the Cabinet would follow Postmaster General Dennison in resigning. Mr. Raymond, at the same meeting, admitted his fault in having endorsed the Philadelphia Convention, and promised that he or his paper would do so no more. It was also stated by several gentlemen that Mr. Seward had expressed the opinion that the President ought to withdraw and call the Southern delegation together and recognize them as the true Congress Gov. Hamilton, of Texas, strongly denounced the President's policy as exhibited in his own State and elsewhere.

P. S. According to the St. Paul Press of the 14th, the above is a "dog-goned lie." Raymond has not been converted, but somebody thinks he will be. The Cabinet has not split, but in all probability it will do so soon.

The Tariff Bill passed the House on the 11th inst., and was taken up by the Senate on the 12th. Mr. Grimes moved that the bill be referred to the finance committee with instructions to report on the second Monday in December, which motion prevailed.

The Galesville Transcript records the following incident of the recent storm in the town of Ettrick, Trempealeau county: At the foot of a bluff house, in which lived a German, his wife and two children, was covered up with rocks and dirt, caused by a landslide. The man seized one child and the woman the other, and although the man had six ribs broken, yet he managed to escape with it. The woman was not so fortunate, as she was found with her child the next morning buried beneath the ruins perfectly dead.

No less than seven horses have disappeared from this vicinity within the past two weeks, under circumstances indicating that they were stolen. The gangs of villains whose operations in other parts of the State have been chronicled in our exchanges, seem to have a branch leading in this direction. The organization of a Vigilance Association may be found necessary to put a check to this dastardly thieving.—Central Republican.

Several important changes in the money-order system took place on Monday next. Hereafter orders can be issued for fifty dollars. The charges for an order not exceeding twenty dollars, will be ten cents; more than twenty and not exceeding fifty dollars, twenty five cents. Orders issued on and after July 3d, will be valid and payable one year after date. In case of loss of money order, duplicates will be furnished by the Postmaster, who is authorized to take affidavit of the remitter or payee without charge except the five cent revenue stamp, which must be attached to the affidavit.

## Famine at the South.

The papers from all parts of the South give sad news of the crops in their sections, failures of the wheat, cotton and corn are reported from every quarter. In Alabama and Georgia destitution prevails to an alarming extent, and in no State of the South can the people more than sustain themselves. What, then, is to be the consequence the coming winter? Famine stares the country in the face. The people have no money; the only resource of the South, the cotton crop, is almost a failure. Louisiana and Mississippi have suffered materially from the high water and the consequent damage to crops, while in other States the crops have suffered materially from the continuous wet weather. The South, therefore, will be dependent on the Northern States for provisions. But there is now every indication that the grain yield in the North will not reach one half a crop for the present season, and that prices will consequently be high. In view of such circumstances every article of food should be carefully husbanded, every resource developed, and the greatest economy practiced. From present indications it would seem that great suffering must ensue the coming winter months.—Richmond Examiner.

## Northwestern Summer Tour.

From the Chicago Evening Journal.

Surprise, Chicago County Minn., June 27, 1866. A ride of 32 miles in an old-fashioned thoroughly braced Concord wagon, which in this country is termed a stage, over a road for which "most excellent" would be too generous a term, driven by a Jehu who would insist upon trotting his four nags over all the corderoys, and walking them whenever the pathway was smooth, and who verily believed that it was his duty to try the strength of his vehicle against every stump or log to be found at either side, has left me in no pleasant frame of mind for writing tonight. Add to these facts another, that the evening is intensely cold, and I am scribbling without a fire, and you will appreciate my situation.

This place is fifty-two miles north of St. Paul, on the road to St. Croix river; it is a town of two stores, two country taverns, a score or two of small dwellings a mill, and, perhaps, five hundred souls, who seem to think that there is no other place so distant that they be the emporium of the great Northwest. Surprise is connected with St. Paul and the world at large, by a trail that aspires to the name of stage road, from the fact that Harbuck & Co's stages make tri-weekly trips over or near it. This trail, from the time it leaves St. Paul until the Pines are reached, runs over a sort of ridge of sand, a most barren or all barage, except here and there a grove of stunted trees, and shrubs, with an occasional tract of better soil, upon which the sturdy settler has reared his homestead and gone to farming.—Settlements are very scarce along the route thus far, for the reason given above, but such as have been made, give evidence unmistakably of a hardy, intelligent and shifting population.

The tourist who seeks the haunts of Superior via St. Paul, at present, must not expect an Elysian trip. He must prepare himself with a thick overcoat, under garments of wool, a blanket, a mosquito net, (made like a sack) to hang over his head, a pair of thick gloves, and if he smokes or is inebriated, or chews, he must not forget that the supply of the articles of his luxury is small in this country, and of the meanness quality. He should also take along a pocket Testament, a copy or two of the best works upon moral philosophy, and a file of the Chicago Tribune or some other comely or absurd paper to assist him in maintaining his dignity and equanimity of temper, for if his experience be that of your correspondent, he will be very likely to think of hard words if he does not speak them.

This route must eventually be one of the most favorite of travel northward to the mineral regions of Minnesota; but it will be only when the railroad is completed to Superior, which it is thought will be in the course of two or three years at the most. The route has been surveyed, the road located, and several miles partially graded. The crops along the route, thus far from St. Paul, (wherever any were to be seen), look exceedingly well for the season, especially the wheat and oats. The corn is small and backward, and it will require a most favorable summer and fall to make it approximate an average yield, as I am informed by the farmers.

Unhappily as have been my experience to-day I am to-night informed of the melancholy fact that my annoyances have just begun. At five o'clock to-morrow morning, our party resume the stage and take up our line of travel northward. At eleven o'clock we will enter "the woods," where "it is said the mosquitoes are as thick as flies, as large as bees and as greedy as apple-seekers or any or breed of wolves. The friends of Mr. C. H. Dennison, of Chicago, may take consolation from the following: A week ago, last Monday, Mr. D. started from St. Paul for Vermilion, by this route. He stayed at this place over night and left at the usual hour in the morning, being the only passenger in the stage. A day or two since the way-bill for the trip came back endorsed by the agent at Superior, as follows: "No Mr. Dennison came through. A pair of boots, marked C. H. D., and a few cleanly picked bones were found inside the coach, and it is presumed Mr. D. was attacked and drowned by the mosquitoes, near Kettle Run. What shall we do with the boots?"

This Kettle Run is our next sleeping station, fifty-four miles from here, and from there to Superior is sixty five miles. We hope to make the entire trip in two days more, and until this end again.

F. G. C.

## The War in Italy.

The London Times gives the following summary of movements in Venetia: The Italian army was divided into three corps and reserves, making up a force from 80,000 to 90,000 combatants. After crossing the Minetto at Goito and other points, on Saturday afternoon, and sending reconnoitering parties towards Peschiera and Verona they encamped for the night beyond Roverbella, equi distant from the two fortresses. On the ensuing morning an attack was made upon those high positions of Sonza Somma, Campagna and Santa Giustina, which command the fifteen miles of railway line joining the two strongholds positions which played a conspicuous part in the campaign of 1848. The object of the Italians was evidently to take possession of the rail ways, so as to isolate Peschiera and secure a base of operations against Verona.

The Austrians, however who were massed in great force, at Verona, saluted forth from the place at daybreak, and, anticipating the Italian movements, took up their position on those hills which are now everywhere bristling with bastions and redoubts and may be looked upon as mere outworks of the two citadels extending from the gates of one to those of the other.

After a severe and bloody or as the Italians describe it, desperate struggle, which lasted nearly the whole day, the longest of summer days, the Imperial

army was victorious along the whole line. They stormed the summit of Montevento, where the Italians held out the longest, and at the close of the engagement, at 5 p. m., they also carried the position of Custozza, a spot fatal to Italian arms in their encounter with Radetski in July, 1848.

The Italian and Austrian despatches do not differ materially about the engagement. No estimate can yet be formed of the losses.

The Times also believes this a favorable moment for a diplomatic settlement of the war with Italy, and intimates that Austria will be willing to cede Venetia for a sum of money, now that her military honor is satisfied.

## Grant and the Presidency.

The Herald's special correspondent of the 7th, has the following:

"It may be stated positively that General Grant will accept a nomination for the Presidency for the next term from no party or faction whatever. His nomination would be equivalent to an election, and his election would necessarily lead to his retirement from public life at the end of his term of office. He considers himself yet too young to withdraw into retirement; and, while he unquestionably has aspirations for Presidential honors with which to crown his illustrious career, he feels confident that he can enjoy such honors eight or twelve or more years hence as readily as now. These ideas have recently been expressed by him to his most intimate personal friends, and are unquestionably the ideas that will control him, notwithstanding the powerful influences now being used to win his consent to accept a nomination.

## From Spain.

The Herald's Madrid correspondent of June 25th details all the serious circumstances attending the late military insurrections against the Crown and Government of Spain as they occurred at Madrid and at Greens Catalonia. On the 22d and 23d ult., in Madrid, the insurgent troops were joined by a large body of peasants to whom soldiers distributed arms, who aided them in throwing up formidable barricades in front of and around the military quarters. The regiment of the Queen were hotly engaged during five hours in recovering the position, and were victorious only after cannonade and bayonet charge. Over 1,000 of the insurgents were killed and wounded, and the royal troops experienced a heavy loss. Two generals died of their wounds soon afterwards, and the Moderate leader General Harbany was wounded. Martial law was in full force. Two thousand Spaniards and foreigners were arrested, and some of them shot at Madrid. "Long live the Republic" were the cries of the revolutionists in the Capitol.

## MARRIED.

NASON—HOMAS.—At Jackson, Minn., on the 26th of June, by H. S. Bailey, Esq., Mr. O. A. D. 1866, to Miss Ellen Harbuck, daughter of Jackson.

HUSHAW—NEAD.—At Jackson, on the 6th of July, 1866, by H. S. Bailey, Esq., Mr. Charles H. Hushaw of Harrison, Iowa, to Miss Emily Nead of Spirit Lake, Iowa.

WOOD—WHEELER.—At Jackson, Minn., July 8th, 1866, by H. S. Bailey, Esq., Mr. John Wood, of Hamilton, Minn., to Miss Helen A. Wheeler, of Jackson.

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To all who desire it, he will send a copy of the prescription used (free of charge), with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will find a sure cure for Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds, and all Throat and Lung Affections. The only object of the advertiser in sending the Prescription, is to benefit the afflicted, and spread information which every sufferer will try his remedy, as it will cost them nothing and may prove a blessing.

Parties wishing the Prescription, please, by return mail, will please address Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON, Williamsburgh, Kings Co. N. Y.

## Probate Notice.

State of Minnesota. ss: In Probate court County of Martin. Estate of Isaac Johnson of the township of Charles Johnson of said township and county, deceased. On the reading and filing of the petition of Charles Johnson of said township and county, to be appointed guardian to the minor heirs of Isaac Johnson, deceased. It is ordered that all persons interested, do appear at a court of Probate to be holden at the court room in the village of Fairmont in said county, on the first day of August 1866, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner shall not be granted. And it is further ordered that public notice be given by causing a true copy of this order to be published in the "Free Homestead" a newspaper printed at Winnebago City, in Fairmont county, in said State, three weeks successively prior to the said day of hearing. THOMAS NICHOLS, Judge of Probate, Martin Co., Minn. 3873

## POSTPONEMENT.

The United States Prize Concert

to have been given at Crosby's Opera House, Monday, May 28th, 1866, will be postponed until

Monday, July 9th, 1866.

on which occasion HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN PRIZES will be presented to ticket holders, including One Hundred Thousand Dollars IN GREENBACKS.

The postponement is an unavoidable necessity (not so much in consequence of the number of tickets yet unsold) as the positive necessity there is for a proper registration of those already disposed of, which has been delayed in consequence of the negligence and carelessness of our Agents in making their proper returns. We advise all parties wanting tickets to send for them without delay, as we have but a limited number on hand. We wish most particularly to impress upon the mind of our Agents the importance of their making their returns at once and of rectifying whatever errors may have crept into their reports heretofore. We will say to those sending for tickets, that if they should all be sold at the time their order is received, the money will be returned. No applications for new Agencies for the sale of tickets will be considered, as we have no more than sufficient tickets for those agents we have already appointed. Tickets for sale at all the principal Hotels, Book and Music stores in the city, and at our office 133 Dearborn street, price \$1 each; sent by mail on receipt of price and stamp for return postage. We invite the particular attention of persons wishing to order tickets by mail to the following

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Any party procuring a club of five or more names for tickets, and forwarding us the money for the same, will be allowed the following commission, viz: 5 Tickets to one address for \$4 50 10 Tickets to one address for 9 00 20 Tickets to one address for 17 50 30 Tickets to one address for 26 25 40 Tickets to one address for 35 00 50 Tickets to one address for 43 50 And 100 Tickets to one address for 85 00 WIGGINS, BRADFORD & CO., (Post Office Drawer 5913) 133 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.

The proprietors will donate to the Lincoln and Douglas Monument Fund \$2000; also there will be \$2000 reserved from the person drawing the \$10,000 prize for the same purpose.

Referees.—on Major Dan. Maes, Ex-M. C. of Ind.; Hon. Ira J. Laycock, of Kansas; Hon. William Jennings, of Iowa; Hon. Joseph Knox, of Chicago; Hon. C. Graves Smith of Minn.; Jacob Forsyth, Agt. M. S. R. R. Chicago, Ill.; M. Kronberg & Co., Importers of Watches, Chicago.

## United States Internal Revenue.

First District, State of Minnesota. } Endorsed, June 27th, 1866.

Notice is hereby given, that the annual List of Valuation and enumeration of property subject to tax, under the act entitled "An Act to provide Internal Revenue to support the Government, to pay interest on the public debt, and for other purposes," approved June 20th 1864, and amended March 3d, 1865, made and taken by the Assessor of the 1st District, of said State, will remain open for the inspection of all persons for the space of TEN DAYS, (Sundays excepted), from and after the 27th day of June, 1866, at the office of A. B. Balcom, Esq., Assessor for said district, in the village of Blue Earth City.

Further notice is hereby given, that I will be at said office on the 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and 5th of July, 1866, to hear and determine appeals relating to any erroneous or excessive valuation assessment or enumeration return in said list. All appeals must be made in writing, and state the particular cause, matter and thing, respecting which a decision is requested, and the ground or principle of inequality or error complained of. GEO. W. BAKER, Assessor of First District, Minnesota.

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## Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Co-Partnership heretofore existing under the firm style of Rhodes & Haviland, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts settled by E. Rhodes, E. RHODES, F. HAVILAND, Winnebago City, May 29, 1866. 33w3

## NOTICE

Is hereby given that my wife, Drucilla H. Deers did, on the 22d day of December, 1865, without cause or provocation, leave my bed and board, and has gone to parts unknown by me. Therefore all persons are hereby warned not to trust or harbor on my account, as I will pay no debts of her contracting. Dated Fairmont, May, 30, 1866. 33w6 ELEN DEERS.

## Marriage and Celibacy.

An Essay of Warning and Instruction to Young Men. Also, Diseases and ailments which prematurely prostrate the vital Powers, with sure means of relief. Sent free of Charge, in sealed letter envelopes. Address: Dr. J. SKILLAN Houghton, Howard Assn.

## DR. BIGELOW

is the only Physician, as a Specialist, now in Chicago, that can be entirely relied upon. Go to him, and not suffer that horrible disease to remain in your system, disfiguring your face and body, besides destroying your happiness and future prospects of life. He has made PRIVATE DISEASES AND NERVOUS DEBILITY his study for the past twenty years, and is therefore the person whom all afflicted should consult. No one need be a patient of his not being cured since he has been in this city. His reputation has spread all over the world, his patients and the medical profession, both here and abroad, as being the most skillful specialist here, and a thorough master of all sexual diseases. If all others fail, don't despair give him a call. It is only a common occurrence with him to cure such cases. His rooms are separate for ladies and gentlemen, and the most complete in the city. Young Men, Take Particular Notice.—Doctor Bigelow advises much of his time to the treatment of those cases caused by a secret habit, which runs both body and mind, unfitting the unfortunate individual for either business or society. The sad effect of these early habits, besides disfiguring the face and body, is to weaken and destroy the vital energy, destroy the physical and mental powers, diminish and enfeeble the natural feelings, and existence itself rendered a term of unending misery and regret. Such persons, especially those contemplating marriage, should lose no time in making immediate application to him for his new treatment, and be enabled to insure a speedy and permanent cure. Consultations free and confidential. Office, No. 179 South Clark Street, corner of Monroe, half a block from the Post Office. Post Office Box 164, Chicago, Ill. Office hours from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Send for his "Guide to Health," published monthly, free of charge. N. B.—Ladies, send for a descriptive circular of Female Remedy, the best preventive of conception known. Sent free of charge.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

RANDALL & SMITH'S

PINE LUMBER YARD.

MANKATO, MINN.

The undersigned beg leave to inform the citizens of Winnebago City and vicinity, that they have established a Pine Lumber Yard at Mankato, and will keep constantly on hand a good assortment of CLEAR LUMBER, FENCING, FLOORING, SIDING, SHINGLE, LATH, PICKETS, DOORS, and SASH. Persons contemplating building will find it to their interest to give us a call, as our prices are reasonable.

RANDALL & SMITH, Front Street, Mankato, Minn., April 24, 1866. 6m

## Lovely Girls and Festive Boys.

Send an addressed envelope and 25 cents and I will send you some valuable information that will please you. Address MISS JANE BRYAN, 825 Broadway, New York.

The Mason & Hamlin Cabinet Organs forty different styles, adapted to sacred and secular music, for \$250 to \$800 each. FIFTY ONE GOLD or SILVER medals, or other first premiums awarded them. Illustrated Catalogues free. Address, Mason & Hamlin, Poston, or MASON BROTHERS, New York.

## CITY HALL,

MANKATO, MINN.

## JOHN F. MEAGHER

has on hand the largest and best selected stock of Hardware, Stoves and Agricultural Implements in the Minnesota valley. My stock of Agricultural Implements is very large and complete, consisting of the following machines:

55 Buckeye's.

60 J. H. Manny's,

Self & Hand Rakes,

20 Kirby's,

Excelsior Droppers,

and Caugia Chief,

6 Sweepstakes Threshers,

6 J. I. Case's Threshers,

6 Velator Threshers,

Massellon Machines,

6 Buffalo Sulkey Rakes,

35 Revolving horse rakes,

and all the smaller implements in stock.

My stock of Builders Hardware, has been selected with care, and is very large. Builders will always find a full supply of Nails, Glass, Blinds, Sash, Doors, Latches, &c. &c.

Prices Exceedingly Low for CASH!

All persons desiring to purchase Reapers and Threshers, would do well to give me a call before purchasing, as my stock is very large and I will warrant all machines to give satisfaction, and my prices and terms cannot fail to suit.

34v3y1 JOHN F. MEAGHER.

DEA UTY.—A. J. A. Golden, French and German spoken by the use of Prof. De Bux's FRENCH CHE VEIN. One application warranted to cure the most straight and supple hair of either sex in to wavy ringlets or heavy massive curls. Has been used by the fashionables of Paris and London, with the most gratifying results. Does no injury to the hair. Price by mail, scale and postpaid, \$1. Descriptive circulars sent free. Address BERGER, SHUTTS & CO., Chemists, No. 255 River St., Troy, N. Y. Sole agents for the United States.

## Livery Stable!

J. A. KINCAID

takes pleasure in announcing to the public that he has opened a first class Livery Stable in Winnebago City, where good horses, sleighs, and buggies can be had at all times. Travelers arriving here by stage, can find a very section of country where stages do not run.

I will also break young horses to all kinds of work, in the best manner, and by the most approved system. Perfect satisfaction given, or no charges made. Give me a call.

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## WHISKERS & MUSTACHES

TACHED forced to grow upon the smoothest face in from others to five weeks, by using Dr. SEVIGNE'S RES TAUATEUR CAPILAIRE, the most wonderful

discovery in modern science acting upon the Beard and Hair in an almost miraculous manner. It has been used by the elite of Paris and London with the most flattering success. Names of all purchasers will be registered and if entire satisfaction is not given in every instance the money will be cheerfully refunded. Price by mail, sealed and postpaid, \$1. Descriptive circulars and testimonials mailed free. Address BERGER, SHUTTS & CO., Chemists, No. 255 River Street, Troy, N. Y. Sole agents for the United States.

Free to Everybody!

The Guide to Health & Beauty,

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It teaches how to remove Tan, Freckles, Pimples, Blisters, Moth Patches, Sallowness, Eruptions and all impurities of the skin; how to cure the skin, leaving it white and clear as alabaster; how to produce the fullest development of the female form (as practiced by the French,) causing the bust to grow round and full, and if the form has been lost by padding, lacing, or maternity, restoring it to more than its original fullness, firmness and beauty. It teaches how to reduce in size the hands and feet; produce corpulence or the reverse; remove superfluous hair; cure Corns, Bunions, Warts and Moles; renew your age; cure Drunkenness, Catarrh, Dyspepsia, Nervous Debility, &c. how to fascinate and gain the love and affection of any person you may choose, together with other useful and valuable information. No young Lady or Gentleman should fail to send their address to the undersigned and receive by return mail a copy of the valuable work in sealed envelope free of charge. Address, BERGER, SHUTTS & CO., Chemists, 255 River St., Troy, N. Y.



## LOCAL AFFAIRS.

WINNEBAGO CITY, JULY 18, 1866.

A fine shower of rain visited us on Sunday last, which had the much desired effect of cooling off the atmosphere and things, amazingly. A little more would be very acceptable just now.

P. S.—Our desire for more rain has been gratified. Our village was visited on Monday night about 12 o'clock, by a most terrific thunder storm. For a short time the rain fell in torrents, the wind blew a perfect gale and the electric display was grand, yet terrible to behold. A few hail fell of very large dimensions, but not enough to do any damage in this immediate vicinity. Small out-houses, sign boards and shed roofs were scattered promiscuously around. The day had been the hottest of the season, and toward evening became very sultry. The storm first approached from the Southwest, the clouds steadily increasing in size and blackness until about nine o'clock, when, like a mighty army on retreat, they sank back from whence they came, leaving the heavens almost cloudless. The sky remained quite clear till about half past eleven, when it began to assume an inky color. At a quarter to twelve the rumbling of distant thunder was heard, and at twelve the storm was upon us, this time coming up from the Northwest. We have had no reports from the country, but fear much damage has been done round about us. As it was very cold immediately after the rain, it is quite likely that some near point was visited by hail instead of rain. The rain continued to fall, though with much less violence, till nearly noon on Tuesday.

LATER.—Since the above was in type we have had one or two reports from the country. The roof was blown off a house belonging to Mr. C. McAlister, situated some three miles northwest of this place. Two families were in house, at the time, but we believe no one was hurt. Another farmer, Mr. Wells, living in the same neighborhood had just completed a new log house. The roof was torn off and badly damaged; the two topmost logs, twenty feet long were taken up and carried a considerable distance. Where the hurricane passed through the timber, it laid low everything before it. Huge trees three and four feet through were uprooted, and smaller ones twisted off. Mr. George tells us that about one quarter of his timber was blown down or broken off. All his fences and crops were leveled to the ground, and sixteen lights of glass broken. Mr. Olliger, living about a mile from town, suffers much from the storm. Nearly half his timber, all his fences and crops are laid low. When the storm struck his house, every window on the north side was broken in. He with his family hastily retreated to the cellar for shelter and protection. In a few moments they were standing in water four or five inches deep. Everything in the house was saturated and many articles badly damaged. Nearly all the glass was broken on the north and west sides of Mr. Spickerman's house, two and a half miles northeast of this, and his fences and crops blown down. It is estimated that about one half of the crops over which the storm passed are destroyed.

Just received at the CHEAP CASH STORE, a fine lot of the newest styles of Plain and Fancy dress goods, at reduced prices.

Take them up.—Charley Linsley wishes to say to any one who has horses and colts running on the prairies that they must take care of them nights or he will see what virtue there is in law. There is a large drove of young horses running loose, and they have broken his fences on several occasions and have done him much damage by destroying his crops. There is a law prohibiting stock from running at large after dark, and we would say to those who let their horses and cattle run, they had better take them up at night.

Prints, Delaines, Sheetings, striped shirtings, Trimmings, &c., &c., and "lots" of them at reasonable prices, at the CHEAP CASH STORE, next to Richardson's.

Dr. Farley visited the Young family who are so badly afflicted with small-pox a few days since, and reports favorably. He says they are all getting along finely some of them having it very light. There are thirteen members of this family, eight of whom now have the disease. Surely they are sorely afflicted.

Mrs. Olliger will please accept thanks for that fine mess of peas she sent us. They were good.

As an indication of how hard the wind blew here on Monday night, we will just say that it blew the key to our office door, through the key hole, from the outside to the inside.

A fine assortment of Hats & Caps, very low at the

CHEAP CASH STORE.

Don't forget the fact that Moulton & Deaton are the only traders in town that are constantly receiving fresh supplies of goods by express. Almost every stage brings them some new and handsome prints, delaines, muslins and lawns. Call and examine their latest arrivals.

We called on our friend Johnson, of the Cheap Cash Store, a few days since, and found all hands busy unpacking, and piling away a large lot of new goods, which he had just received. We noticed particularly a large lot of new Dress goods, Prints, and Delaines, with other articles to numerous to mention. Mr. Johnson's store is not a very large one, but he keeps it full, and judging from the large amount of goods that leaves it daily, we must conclude that he gets a large share of the public patronage.

If you want Boots & Shoes at fair prices go to the

CHEAP CASH STORE.

All kinds of Groceries, consisting of Tea, Coffee, sugars, spices, &c., &c., for sale at the CHEAP CASH STORE, next to Richardson's.

The Red Jacket Stomach Bitters are a very agreeable and healthful stimulant—very pleasant to the taste, have a soothing influence and create a good appetite. We notice that druggists generally sell no Bitters so readily as these.

## NEWS ITEMS.

Gen. Grant desires a large cavalry force to be located through the South to preserve order and maintain the laws; and Gen. Sherman also desires a large force of cavalry to keep open the lines of travel to the Territories and across the Plains. He writes to Gen. Grant that, without a larger force than is now at his service, he will be unable to suppress Indian outbreaks or keep open the various wagon roads rapidly the Pacific. The settlements rapidly encroaching upon various Indian tribes make them very troublesome.

The press of Northern Ohio still teems with accounts of the losses of sheep by the storm, and estimates of the aggregate loss are being made. The following figures are not supposed to be entirely accurate, but give something like a correct showing of the number of sheep lost in the several counties named: Lorain, 15,000 to 20,000; Geneva, 8,000 to 10,000; Ashtabula, 2,000; Trumbull, 2,000; Portage, 6,000; Lake several thousands; Tuscarawas, 2,000; Huron, 12,000; Ashland, 10,000.

Another child was devoured near Galveston on the 5th, by an alligator, in full view of her father, who was unable to reach her to save her in time. He shot the reptile, and will cut him open to recover his child's remains.

PORTLAND, MAINE, June 11.—The Portland Mutual Insurance company which has been reported as losing only \$100,000 cannot lose less than \$400,000. It has been in operation for many years taking risks at very low rates, mostly among middle classes. It will be able to pay about 20 per cent on the loss. This will fall very seriously on widows and orphans and poorer classes who insured in the company.

A steamer just down from the mountains reports 3,000 hostile Indians encamped within fifteen miles of Ft. Benton. Small parties of warriors were seen on the road daily, but no depredations had been committed. Rich diggings had been discovered at Deer Creek and Deep Creek, and at the latter four miners dug out two thousand dollars in one day. These diggings are two hundred miles from Fort Benton.

## Strayed.

From Van Auker & Childs', Swan Mill, about six miles from Winnebago City, on July 8th, 1866, One five year old, light bay horse; is very tall and long bodied, large star in forehead, one white hind foot, was shod all round—shoes new when he left; had a fresh gall sore on the right shoulder. Any one giving information where he may be found will be liberally rewarded.

N. VAN AUKEN  
Shelbyville July 17th, 1866. 39w3

A new lot of *Warrant Deeds* just printed and for sale at this office. All so all kinds of *Justice's Blanks*.

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

DR. SWAIN'S

## Bourbon Bitters

A Healthy Tonic, Gentle Stimulant, and Unequalled Morning Appetizer.

Prepared in Ripe

OLD BOURBON WHISKY

Free from Grain Oil, With Flowers, Buds and Bark of the Highest Medical Virtue.

By increasing the appetite, assisting digestion, regulating the bowels, and giving tone to the system, they impart strength and vigor to the body, and cheerfulness to the mind.

If your druggist or tradesman has not got THESE BITTERS, have him send for them. Remember the name, and take no other.

For sale by druggists and Grocers everywhere. C. H. SWAIN, Proprietor, 24 South Water St., Chicago.

At Wholesale in St. Paul, by

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Millinery Goods

MISS ANNIE COGGRAVE

Takes pleasure in announcing to the Ladies of Winnebago City and vicinity that she has opened a MILLINERY SHOP in

WINNEBAGO CITY,

and that she is now prepared to do all kinds of work in that line. She would here state that she has just received her spring and summer stock of goods, consisting of all the latest styles of Hats and Caps for Ladies, Misses and children. Also all styles of Artificial Flowers, Ribbons, and other trimmings. Hats and bonnets repaired and trimmed to order. She cordially invites all to call and examine her goods.

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Goods well bought, are half sold.

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I never was, Never can, and

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UNDER SOLD!

Give me an early call, and see

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Founding its claims to favor and patronage to Merit Alone.

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Persons visiting Mankato will do well to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

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### Business Directory.

#### BLUE EARTH VALLEY LODGE

NO. 27.

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

The regular communications of this Lodge is held on Tuesday evening, on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS--

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OFFICIALS OF FAIRBANK COUNTY.

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District Court of this District meets at Blue Earth City on the 2d Monday in May.

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Winnebago City District.

J. H. WELCH, Register. H. W. HOLLEY, Receiver.

Office hours from 8 A. M. till 4 P. M. Winnebago City, Minn., Oct. 25, 1865.

#### NEW ORDER OF THINGS

IN THE

#### Winnebago Mill

Having made some changes, concerning the business transactions of the "Winnebago City Mills," we wish to announce to the public that we are now prepared to do all kinds of work in our line of business, for ready pay. Logs, wood, or lumber, for sale or on consignment. One half, or two thirds, per thousand. Flour, bran, and shorts on consignment on hand, and for sale cheap.

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B. RHODES.

Winnebago City, March 17th, 1866.

#### NICHOLLS & BROWN,

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and

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Will pay taxes, examine titles, and locate Land Warrants for non-residents. All business entrusted to his care promptly attended to.

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Have for sale at all times, large quantities of Winnebago Trust Lands, and other valuable Farming lands.

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Will attend to professional business throughout the State.

Winnebago City, Minn.

#### VERNON CENTRE HOUSE.

Vernon Centre, Blue Earth County Minnesota.

A. D. MASON - - - Proprietor.

I would respectfully call the attention of the traveling public to the fact that I can now give them as good accommodations as any home in the Blue Earth Valley. Good Stables connected with the House.

1-3-ly A. D. MASON.

#### CLIFTON HOUSE.

Front Street, near the Levee.

MANKATO, - - - MINNESOTA.

#### M. T. C. FLOWER, Proprietor.

General Stage Office for all points, - the State. Good Stabling with attentive Outlets. 19-1

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Office on MAIN STREET, first door south of U. S. Land Office.

Collects money and taxes paid. Surveys and entered in his care will receive prompt attention. 23-2

#### WINNEBAGO CITY HOTEL.

The subscriber still keeps the above house and pledges himself as ever to be attentive to the comfort of his guests. His table is supplied with the best to be found in the country.

C. S. KIMBALL.

## JULIUS BAUER & CO.

Great Piano Forte and Melodion.

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69 Washington Street.

New York Warehouses, 650 Broadway.

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CELEBRATED

Gold Medal Piano Fortes.

As to the relative merits of these pianos, we would refer to the Excellence in our possession, from THALBERG, GOTTSCHALK, STRAUSS, CH. B. RATTEN, VICTOR, LOUIS STARR and E. MUZIO, Musical Director of the Italian Opera, as also from some of the most distinguished Professors and Amateurs in the country. All instruments guaranteed for five years.

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Particular attention paid to the selection of instruments for distant orders, and a privilege of exchange granted at any time within six months, if the instrument should not prove entirely satisfactory. Persons in want of a REAL FIRST CLASS PIANO, will do well to call before purchasing elsewhere.

WHOLESALE DEALERS will find it to their advantage to give us a call, as by greatly increased facilities, we are enabled to fill all orders with dispatch.

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MELODEONS & ORGANS

Manufacturers and Importers of

Musical Instruments

strings, Drums, Violins, Accordians, Guitars.

BRASS INSTRUMENTS.

And other Musical Merchandise.

The Silver and Brass Instruments of manufacture and Importation, are used by most all of the best Bands in the Union, and wherever exhibited have always received the Gold Medals and highest premiums.

For having connection with Manufacturing Houses in Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden, England and Paris, we are prepared to furnish DEALERS, HANDS and INDIVIDUALS, with every article in this line, at the Lowest Manufacturers' prices.

REMEMBER THE PLACE.

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### TAILOR!

Winnebago City Minnesota,

prepared to do all kinds of work entrusted to him with promptness and dispatch.

All work warranted. Most kinds of country produce taken for work. Cutting done on short notice and warranted to fit if properly made up.

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CHAS. HEILBORN.

Manufacturer and Dealer in

### FURNITURE

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STS. MANKATO MINN. 21-1

J. D. JONES & W. B. WALKER'S

### New Harness & Saddle Shop

We would respectfully inform the citizens of the Blue Earth Valley, that we have opened a large Harness and Saddle Shop, on Front Street, one door north of the Clifton House, where we will keep constantly on hand, every style of harnesses and saddles, which we will sell cheap or on the cheapest. Give us a call.

JONES & WALKER.

40 ft Mankato, Minn., July 23d 1865.

BARNES DAVIS & Co's

### STAGE LINE

Stages leave Winnebago City every Tuesday

Thursday and Saturday, at 2 o'clock A. M. Run-ning to the cars at Waverly and New Oregon, Iowa, via Albert Lea and Austin in two days, also to Rochester in time to take the 2 o'clock train next day for Winona and LaCrosse. Re-turning Wednesday, Friday and Sun days, connecting at Winnebago City with stages run-ning to Mankato.

his is by far the Cheapest and best route for those wishing to go either South or East.

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### BLACKSMITHING

Will be done at the shop in this city, promptly, and well done. Positively READY pay ONLY after this date

Particular attention paid to HORSE SHO-ING, by HUNTINGTON & WISE

Winnebago City, Feb. 7th 1865 13-1

Candles, Lard Oil, Kerosene Oil, and Machine Oil at

BANKS. - All kinds of Blanks for sale at this Office.

Warranty Deeds, Chattel Mortgages

&c., &c., &c. for sale at this office.

### Comments of a Portland Paper

Upon the Great Disaster.

The Portland Press publisher, after the destruction of his office, issued a small extra from the office of a printer who had not been as unfortunate as were his fellow craftsmen who published papers, from which we extract the following, which shows the spirit with which the terrible calamity was met by the sufferers:

"If a sermon upon the instability of human affairs were the one thing desirable now, it would be easy to dwell in pathetic periods upon the sudden dissolution of the solid piles of brick and stone, which two days ago were homes, shops and haunts of men, but have now vanished like a dream. The Post Office is solitary in the midst of a forest of unheated chimneys, and a labyrinth of heated and crumbling walls; its granite is blistered and shivered by the intense flame which swept over it night before last. The dome of the City Hall and the spires of our churches, have passed away like evening clouds. Where was once Exchange street is now a heap of ruins. A third of the territorial surface of the city lies desolate. A large part of the accumulated wealth, the savings of this and former industrious generations, has been destroyed. Half of our population has been turned into the street without warning. There is the fact, black and terrible, without palliation or disguise; but if brick and stone are perishable, and may blow away as lightly as a gossamer, there is yet something solid and enduring in the world--the patience and enterprise which built up our beautiful city. In this disaster never have the sterling qualities of our people shown forth more nobly than now. It is hard to see the fruits of so many years of patient endeavor wasted in a few hours, but the indomitable courage which faces the fact, admits the misfortune in all its magnitude, and sets promptly to work to repair. It is admirable beyond praise. Commercial street has suffered comparatively little and our West India and coastwise trade will be but little affected. The dry goods, clothing and boot and shoe interests are more seriously disturbed for the time, but in every quarter we hear only of rebuilding and resuming business after the least possible interval. Temporary rents for business purposes were in active demand yesterday, and building contracts were already in the market for bidders.

### An Elopement Nipped.

A correspondent of the Detroit Post relates the following:

An elopement almost occurred a few days ago in the town of Thornapple, near the village of Hastings, Mich.

A long, lean, lank specimen of the genus homo, a regular seven footer, fancying that he had discovered charms in a young lady, superior to those possessed by his wife and family, made a vigorous attack upon the fortress of her affections, and carried it by storm. An attempt to elope was the natural result. The two lovers started together on foot for, no one knows where. All the time indulging in blissful anticipations of future happiness. But alas their experience verified the truth of the old adage--"the course of true love never was smooth," for the friends of the young lady, having become advised of the state of affairs, soon started in pursuit. The short step and small track of the young lady close by the side of the long stride of her lover, pointed out unmistakably the direction taken by the fugitives; they were overtaken in the town of Irving, about six miles from the starting point, and the girl was taken back to the paternal mansion. The gay lover, when he discovered the pursuit, broke for the woods, where he was subsequently found in the top of a tree, and captured. A disappointed lover up in a tree, his idol ruthlessly snatched from his embrace, and all his bright anticipations blasted, it is no wonder that his feelings took a religious turn. Such was the fact, for when the officer found him he was praying lustily for the good people of Thornapple. The officer thinks that a

### A Rich Sermon.

Where is the man with the harp of a thousand strings? The following extract from a sermon will be recognized at a glance by some readers here at home. It loses much of its humor because we cannot put in the appropriate gestures that should accompany it:

My friends, sin makes the purest young man ugly-ah. I tell you how I know-ah. I was coming to church to-day, when I saw some men in the road-ah, and thought one of them the prettiest young man I ever saw in my life-ah. And as I drew nigh unto them, I discovered they were playing at mar-ah; and they all drew nigh unto a place they called law, and they marvel-ah. And when he marveled he jumped and flapped his hands like a rooster does his wings-ah, and said--

"I wish I may be d--d if I hain't fat-ah!" And oh, my friends, then I thought that was the ugliest man I ever saw in my life-ah. And I opened my mouth and spake unto him thus: says I, "Young man, this is not the way to salvation-ah." And he said: "Look here, old boss, if you had been saw in at I was, you would not love to hear talk of salvation." And now, my friends, if that young man said when the hat is being passed around-ah. And, my young friends, if that young man had not been blinded by sin, he never could a mistake me for an old boss-ah.

### The Fry Investigation.



## LOCAL AFFAIRS.

WINNEBAGO CITY, JULY 25, 1866.

**Mr. Olinger** estimates his loss by the late storm at not less than \$1,500. A number of other farmers living near here suffered equally as bad.

**Gone.**—Mr. Kincaid, our worthy livery man, has, we are sorry to say, left us. He returns to Chatfield for the present, and we believe he contemplates going to California soon. Better come back here, Jim.

All kinds of Groceries, consisting of Teas, Coffee, sugars, spices, &c. &c., for sale at the **CHEAP CASH STORE**, next to Richardson's.

**Wonder** what has become of our School House. We have thus far failed to see any of the preliminary steps taken, necessary to its erection. Come, gentlemen Trustees, do not delay this matter too long, or we shall have no new school house this year.

A fine assortment of Hats & Caps, very low at the **CHEAP CASH STORE**.

Is anything to be done to make the county fair to be held in this place next fall, an interesting affair? A very little work would put the track in good condition. A few sheds, yards and stalls should be built for the accommodation of stock brought in for exhibition. Shall we do anything, or shall we let it be a failure as it was two years ago?

If you want Boots & Shoes at fair prices go to the **CHEAP CASH STORE**.

**Poisoned.**—Mrs. Innes, living some seven miles east of this place in the town of Prescott, took about one grain of Arsenic, on Saturday last. She is subject to spells of derangement, and it is supposed that she was laboring under one of these spells when she took it, as she says she does not remember of taking anything of the kind. Dr. Farley of this place was sent for, who immediately visited her, and found her in considerable distress. He gave her the necessary antidote, and soon had her out of danger.

**Three** or four fellows from the country came into town on Saturday last, and got on a "bit of a spree." Toward night they started home, but after going a short distance one of them concluded he would go back and have another drink, and accordingly jumped out of the wagon, and started back on foot, a second got out to bring the first back, then a third started to bring both back. The first one started for town on the run, the other two following as fast as they were able, after going a short distance the second one fell to the ground, and the third one coming up, fell over his companion. In the fall of the second one, he had one of his arms dislocated. He was brought back to town and the injured member cared for by Drs. Holmes & Lockwood. We did not learn the name of the man that got hurt, but we hope that his chastisement will be the cause of his conversion from drunkenness.

Just received at the **CHEAP CASH STORE**, a fine lot of the newest styles of Plain and Fancy dress goods, at reduced prices.

The St. Peter Advertiser sees fit to disbelieve us when we tell him that we are the Editor of the Homestead, and says we may pull the wool over the eyes of the Faribault county people, but not over his. All right, sir. We do not care a fig whether you believe us or not, we are satisfied in our own mind and that is sufficient for us. Still we think that if the editor of the Advertiser had the least pretensions to being a gentleman he would not doubt our word after we had been kind enough to give him the information he asked. If the editor of the Advertiser wishes to know the views of Mr. Holley on the policy of the President, we doubt not that if he will write to Mr. Holley and ask him, he will doubtless inform him. But if he waits to learn Mr. Holley's position through the columns of the Homestead, he will probably have to wait a long while.

**A Big Yield.**—Last Saturday we gathered from the potato vines growing on a spot of ground 4 rods long by 1 rod wide one quart of potato bugs—less one half pint. We are not familiar with the growing of this species of crop but we should call the above named quantity a very fair yield.—*Rochester Republican.*

Very good, Mr. Republican, we think you will take the first premium for bug raising, at least we will not compete against you.

The St. Peter Advertiser says we could not live five minutes, if we did not have a Land Office by our side. That charge comes with a poor grace, Perry. How is it about those queer looking advertisements, we see in your columns given you by the Land Office in your town. Then, too, how about that two hundred dollars you had to beg in order to get your little sheet started? The only patronage our Land Office has ever given us has been the printing of a few blanks, amounting in all to \$32 in two years; and we did not have to circulate a subscription paper to get money to start our office with. We advise you not to throw stones that way, they are liable to bound back and strike home.

Prints, Delaines, Sheetings, striped shirtings, Denims, &c. &c., and "lots" of them at reasonable prices, at the **CHEAP CASH STORE**, next to Richardson's.

**REWARD.**—Gov. Marshall offers \$200 reward for the arrest of the Little Falls murderer, Joseph Roy.

The following is a copy of the resignation of Attorney General Speed, as sent to the President on Monday last: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, July 16, 1866.

To the President: Sir: I hereby resign to you the office of Attorney General of the United States. Be good enough, sir, to accept my thanks for the kindness, consideration and confidence you have ever shown me. I have the honor to be, most respectfully,

JAMES SPEED.

**Keep the Ball Rolling.** The views of the people upon the Taxation of Homesteads.

CAMPBELL, July 22, 1866.

Mr. Editor:—At a meeting of the people held in the town of Campbell, in Faribault county, on the 29th day of July, 1866, to take into consideration the great wrong which is being done them, in the taxation of their homesteads, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

**Resolved,** That all land under the homestead law are to all intents and purposes United States lands, over which the State of Minnesota has no control nor jurisdiction whatever. And, inasmuch as the State has no right to levy taxes upon our homesteads, nor upon the property of those who are settled upon homesteads

**Resolved,** That we look upon any effort made by our county officials to collect taxes assessed upon our lands, as an attempt to impose upon our ignorance and beneath the dignity of men.

**Resolved,** That, though we hold to those immortal truths penned by Jefferson—"That all men are created free and equal," we believe that men may acquire rights and privileges, far superior to their fellows, as in cases of these homestead claimants, who, by accepting the Homestead, the munificent gift of our national government, are freed from all taxation, freed from bearing any of the burdens of township, county and State governments, and yet enjoy the privilege of voting taxes on their neighbors' lands, who are so unfortunate as to have paid for them—Gentlemen, we commend your hard lot, but then it is lawful for us to vote the taxes, and just as lawful for you to pay them, and we are a law abiding people.

**Resolved,** That to pay taxes is to oppose the principals of our acquired rights, insulting to our manhood and derogatory to our character as a law abiding people.

**Resolved,** That we will hold our county officials strictly accountable to us for the part they have taken in causing our homesteads and other property to be assessed.

**Resolved,** That at the next November election we will be sure and choose men for county officers who will perform the duties of their offices according to the wishes of the people who elect them, and who will have proper regard for our acquired rights.

**Resolved,** That the people of Prescott, who have very wisely taken the initiatory steps towards forming a Co. Convention to nominate homestead men to fill the county offices and all other officers, be, and hereby are invited to meet with us on the 27th inst. to take further action in the premises.

**Resolved,** That the Free Homestead and all other leading journals be respectfully requested to publish these resolutions.

ISAAC L. PARKMAN, Sec'y.

A new lot of Warranty Deeds just printed and for sale at this office. Also all kinds of Justice's Blanks.

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

**DR. SWAIN'S Bourbon Bitters** A Healthy Tonic, Gentle Stimulant, and Unequalled Morning Appetizer.

Prepared in Ripe OLD BOURBON WHISKY Free from Grain Oil, With Flowers, Buds and Berries of the Highest Medical Virtue.

By increasing the appetite, assisting digestion, regulating the bowels, and giving tone to the system, they impart strength and vigor to the body, and cheerfulness to the mind.

If your druggist or tradesman has not got THESE BITTERS, have him send for them. Remember the name, and take no other. For sale by druggists and Grocers everywhere.

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## MARRIED.

**Millinery Goods**

MISS ANNIE COGGRATE

Takes pleasure in announcing to the Ladies of Winnebago City and vicinity that she has opened a **MILLINERY SHOP** in WINNEBAGO CITY, and that she is now prepared to do all kinds of work in that line. She would here state that she has just received her spring and summer stock of goods, consisting of all the latest styles of Hats and Caps for Ladies, Misses and children. Also all styles of Artificial Flowers, Ribbons, and other trimmings. Hats and bonnets repaired and trimmed to order. She cordially invites all to call and examine her goods.

Winnebago City, May 25, 1866. 32tf

## Harness Shop.

The undersigned takes this method of informing the people of Winnebago City and vicinity, that he has just opened a new harness shop in

WINNEBAGO CITY,

and is now prepared to do all kinds of work in his line. No order too small to order, and all kinds of repairing done on short notice. Shop up stairs, next door south of Richardson & Reynolds' Grocery.

E. H. HUTCHINS. 32tf

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Incompetency, Premature Decay and Youthful Error, actuated by a desire to benefit others will be happy to furnish to all who need it, (free of charge), the name and address of the person who has been cured by his experience, and possess a valuable remedy, will receive the same, by return mail, (carefully sealed), by addressing

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**Know Thy Destiny.**

M. Adams, E. F. Thornton, the great English Astrologer, Clairvoyant and Psychometrist, who has astonished the scientific classes of the Old World, has now located herself at Hudson, N. Y. Madame Thornton possesses such wonderful powers of second sight, as to enable her to impart knowledge of the greatest importance to the single or several of either sex. While in a state of trance, she delineates the very features of the person you are to marry, and by the aid of an instrument of intense power, known as the Psychometre, guarantees to produce a life-like picture of the future husband or wife of the applicant, together with date of marriage, position in life, leading traits of character, &c. This is no humbug, as thousands of testimonials can attest. She will send, when desired, a certified certificate, or written guarantee, that the picture is what it purports to be. By enclosing a small lock of hair, and stating place of birth, age, disposition and complexion, and enclosing 30 cents and stamped envelope addressed to yourself, you will receive the picture and desired information by return mail. All communications necessarily confidential. Address, in confidence, Madame E. F. THORNTON, P. O. Box 228, Hudson N. Y.

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## Blue Earth City Advertisements

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Goods well bought, are half sold.

**A. B. BALCOM**

offers

**GREAT BARGAINS**

IN

**DRY GOODS,**

GROCERIES,

HATS & CAPS,

YANKEE NOTIONS,

Etc., Etc., Etc.

at prices that

DEFY COMPETITION.

GOOD

**Butter & Cheese**

wanted at all times at the market price.

I never was, Never can, and Never will be

**UNDER SOLD!**

Give me an early call, and see for yourselves.

A. B. BALCOM.

Blue Earth City, May 14, 1866. 3n2y1

Blue Earth City

**DRUG STORE**

SCHULER & THURSTON

Have opened a Drug store at Blue Earth City, and offer for sale at lowest prices

DRUGS, MEDICINES,

Patent Medicines, Paints, Oils,

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and

**STATIONERY.**

The very best Note, Letter, and Cap Paper kept constantly on hand.

NOTIONS of all kinds.

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a good variety, and cheap.

CALL AND SEE US.

SCHULER & THURSTON.

Blue Earth City, May 29, 1866. 32m6

**P. B. DAVY,**

Auction & Commission Merchant

Corner of South and Valois streets, Blue Earth City, - - - Minnesota.

CASH paid for HIDES & SKINS.

Keeps constantly on hand a good assortment of

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June 4, 1866. 33m3

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Has, and will keep constantly on hand, for sale:

**CLOCKS and WATCHES,**

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And will attend promptly to all kinds of Repairing of Clocks, Watches, and Jewelry, and guarantee perfect satisfaction to all who patronize him. Room opposite Union Hotel. 20y1

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**BANKERS,**

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Office opposite "Union House" Blue Earth City, Minnesota.

Will do a General Banking and Real Estate Business, pay Taxes for non-residents, make Collections, &c., &c., H. D. BALDWIN, - - - S. P. CHILD.

Blue Earth City, May 7, 66. 50y1

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Against Loss by FIRE, by the

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The ETNA Insurance Company would call the attention of the public to the following facts:

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The ETNA is organized on a National Basis, with reliable local agents, and occupies an enviable reputation, equal to all the emergencies it undertakes, worthy the

**CONFIDENCE OF ALL!**

Founding its claims to favor and patronage to **Merit Alone.**

Affording unequalled facilities and security for Insurance, and ranking

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And insures at rates as liberal as the risks assumed permit for solvency and fair profit.

Losses Equitably Adjusted and **PROMPTLY PAID.**

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**Clothing**

**EMPORIUM!!**

WHOLESALE & RETAIL.

RANDALL & SMITH,

Second Block above the Mankato House, Mankato Minn.

Exclusive dealers in Ready Made

**CLOTHING**

for Men and Boys, Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, &c., &c.

We keep constantly on hand a full assortment of goods in our line, and warrant them unsurpassed in style, quality and price.

Persons visiting Mankato will do well to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

RANDALL & SMITH, Mankato, Minn. Dec. 6, 1865. 3.S.n6

**Manhood: How lost, how restored.**

Just published, a new edition of Dr. Culverwell's Celebrated

Essay on the radical cure (without medicine) of Seminal Weakness, or seminal loss, Impotency, Mental and Physical Incapacity, Impediments to Marriage, etc.; also Consumption, Epilepsy, and Fits, induced by self-indulgence or sexual extravagance.

Price, in a sealed envelope, only 6 cents.

The celebrated author in this admirable essay clearly demonstrates, from a thirty years' successful practice, that the alarming consequences of self abuse may be radically cured without the dangerous use of internal medicine or the application of the knife—pointing out a mode of cure at once simple, certain, and effectual, by means of which every sufferer, no matter what his condition may be, may cure himself cheaply, privately and radically.

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**FANCY ARTICLES.**

Pure Wines and Brandies for

Medicinal Purposes,

Patent Medicines, &c. &c

Letter, Cap and Note Papers.

Pencils, Superior Ink,

and other articles kept by Druggists generally.

**PHYSICIANS' PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED.**

Front Street,

Mankato, - - - Minnesota.

50-4.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

**New Drug Store**

WINNEBAGO CITY,

In the building adjoining the Land Office.

**DR. C. J. FARLEY,**

Takes pleasure in announcing that his **DRUG STORE** is now open and stocked with a full assortment of

Drugs & Chemicals,

Patent Medicines,

Choice Perfumery.

Fancy Toilet Soap

Bay Rum, Pure Unadulterated Liquors

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WINSHIP & GOODWIN  
have just opened their

**NEW STORE**

AT  
Winnebago City, Minnesota.

with a choice selection of Ladies

**DR'SS GOODS,**  
Linings, Trimmings, Thread &c.  
Bleached and Brown

**MUSLINS,**  
Gent's Cloths  
of the best qualities.

Flannels and Table Linens,  
Window Curtains &  
Rustic Blinds.

**Hats & Caps.**  
**Boots & Shoes.**

Also a superior stock of

**GROCERIES**  
Comprising all kinds of  
Sugars, Teas, Coffees,  
Syrrups, Spices, &c.

**TOBACCO**  
in choice varieties.  
We intend keeping a good supply of

**FURNITURE,**  
Consisting of  
Cane and Wood seat Chairs,  
Lounges, Bedsteads, &c.

We have located in Winnebago City, intending  
to make this our permanent home, as well as  
place of business, and we would respectfully  
solicit the people of this community to call and  
examine our goods, and give us a fair portion  
of their patronage

Next door South of the Hard-  
ware Store.

WINSHIP & GOODWIN.  
Winnebago City, Minn. April 2, 1866.

**Hardware Store!**  
**HARDWARE**  
STOVES AND  
**TIN WAR.**

THE UNDERSIGNED having formed a co-  
partnership, will keep constantly on hand, at  
Winnebago City, a complete assortment of all  
kinds of Hardware, demanded in this Mar-  
ket, which they will sell at prices as low as the  
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TABLE & POCKET CUTLERY, P. INT.  
IRON, OILS,  
STEEL, SASH,  
NAILS, GLASS,  
CARPENTER TOOLS, PUTTY.

Kerosene Oil, and Lamps,  
**Farming Tools,**  
OF ALL DISCRPTIONS.

PATENT SELF-ADJUSTING  
**Clothes-wringer.**

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Jobbing done Promptly.

Agents for I. Case & Co's  
**THRESHERS,**  
AND  
F. F. Smith's Cast-steel Plows  
—ALSO—  
A Variety of Reapers & Mowers.  
ABBOTT & WELCH  
Winnebago City, May 17th, 1866.

GROCERIES! GROCERIES!!  
FINCH & THURSTON  
INVITE the attention of EVERYBODY to their new  
stock of

**GROCERIES!!**

They have now in store a complete assortment every  
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Blackberries. Pitted Cherries,  
Peaches, Currants,  
Apples, Raisens. Citron,  
Prime Figs, Pickles  
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**Golden Syrup!**  
ORLEANS MOLASSES,  
Vinegar. Kerosene oil & Lamps  
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A fine assortment of  
**Candies & Nuts.**

In fact everything to be found in a GROCERY  
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CASH PAID FOR WHEAT,  
and the highest market price for all kinds of COUNTRY  
PRODUCE.

**FONT STREET**  
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MANKATO MINNESOTA.  
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PRICES GREATLY REDUCED  
THE CITY

**DRUG STORE!**  
LEWIS and FRISBIE.  
(Successors to J. R. Tinkcom.)  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS  
Drugs,  
Medicines,  
Paints.  
Dye Stuffs,  
Cigars, and  
**PURE LIQUORS.**

We have also a splendid assortment of  
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**DR. SWAIN'S**  
BOURBON  
**BITTERS.**

A Healthy Tonic, Gentle Stimulant  
AND  
UNEQUALLED MORNING APPETIZER.  
PREPARED IN RIFE  
OLD BOURBON WHISKY  
FREE FROM GRAIN OIL, WITH FLOW-  
ERS, BUDS AND BARKS OF THE  
HIGHEST MEDICINAL  
VIRTUE.

These Bitters have received the endorsement  
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SICIANS who have recommended their use in  
Dyspepsia, Derangement of the Stomach, Loss of  
Appetite, Nervous Prostration, Debility, and in  
all cases of disease which in its incipient stages  
require only a generous diet, and an invigorating  
nourishing stimulant. As a safeguard against  
diseases incident to new countries, bad water, se-  
vere labor and great exposure, the bitters have  
never been equalled.

1st.—Hundreds of the most successful and re-  
spected Physicians recommend

SWAIN'S BOURBON BITTERS.

2nd.—The highest medical authority of the  
army have given their unqualified approval to

SWAIN'S BOURBON BITTERS.

3d.—Thousands of invalids, returned to health  
through their agency, endorse and recommend

SWAIN'S BOURBON BITTERS.

4th.—Thousands of soldiers in hospitals and on  
the march have been cheered, strengthened and  
benefitted by the use of

SWAIN'S BOURBON BITTERS.

5th.—Thousands of emigrants on the Western  
Plains have been saved by disease and death by  
the timely use of

SWAIN'S BOURBON BITTERS.

6th.—Travelers on Rivers and the Ocean have  
found an unfailing remedy in

SWAIN'S BOURBON BITTERS.

7th.—Miners toiling far down in the bowels of  
the earth, have been protected and preserved by

SWAIN'S BOURBON BITTERS.

8th.—Thousands of Ladies in delicate health  
have had the bloom restored to their cheeks by  
using

SWAIN'S BOURBON BITTERS.

9th.—By increasing the appetite, assisting di-  
gestion, regulating the bowels, and giving tone  
to the system, they impart strength and vigor to  
the body and cheerfulness to the mind.

10th.—If your druggist or tradesman has not  
these Bitters have him send for them.

Remember the name, and take no other,  
For sale by leading Druggist and Grocers every-  
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**NEW GOODS!**  
**JUST RECEIVED!**

**MOULTON & DEUDON,**  
have received their

**SPRING & SUMMER**  
**Stock of Goods,**  
And ask all in want of ANY THING at REASONABLE  
RATES to give them a call.  
We are determined not to be undersold by any house  
in Minnesota, and therefore invite the people of the Blue  
Earth Valley to call and examine their

**Style & Quality**  
of our  
**DRY GOODS**

Consisting in part of: POPLINS, MERINOS, PARA-  
KATTAS, TERN CLOTHS, ALPACAS, DELAINES,  
WOOL, PLAIDS, GINGHAMS, PRINTS, TABLE  
CLOTHS, CRASHES, TOWELS, HOSE, VALMORALS,  
BOOTS, SKIRTS, LADIES' & GENTS' GLOVES, HOODS,  
SANTAGAS, NECKTIES, CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, TWEEDS,  
SATINETS, FLANNELS, SHIRTINGS, SHIRTINGS,  
TICKINGS, AND DENIMS, &c., &c., &c., TOO NU-  
MEROUS TO MENTION

We have also a well selected assortment of

**GROCERIES**  
**CROCKERY**  
**CLOTHING**  
**Boots and Shoes**  
**HATS & CAPS,**  
**Drugs,**

And in fact everything usually found in a first class  
country store.

Our Goods of all kinds have been carefully selected in  
the Eastern Market, and need not to be sent to be appre-  
ciated by good judges. The Ladies will please remem-  
ber that it is a particular pleasure for us to show our  
goods. They will all bear inspection either at QUALITY  
or to PRICE.

GIVE US A CALL!  
Winnebago City, Minn.,  
Oct. 26, 1866.

**LOOK HERE!**  
Just received, a new and com-  
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**GROCERIES!!**

**RICHARDSON & REYNOLDS,**  
has now opened at his rooms in  
**WINNEBAGO CITY**  
One of the best selected, varied and most exten-  
sive assortment of Goods in their line

Ever imported into Faribault  
County,

Which they are selling to the People of the Blue  
Earth Valley cheaper than Mankato or any other  
town.

In the  
**GROCERY & PRO-  
VISION DEPARTMENT,**  
Their facilities for supplying the wants of the  
people of this immense region are on a scale to  
warrant the fullest satisfaction.  
We offer to the citizens of Faribault and Mar-  
in Counties the best stock of

**Groceries and**  
**Provisions**  
**FRESH OYSTERS**  
**Fresh Meat,**  
**GREEN & DRIED**  
**FRUITS,**  
**TOBACCO & CIGARS**  
THE BEST  
**TEAS & COFFEES,**  
**SUGARS,**  
**Wines & Liquors**

Ever brought to this market.

Also a complete assortment of  
**HARDWARE!**  
**CASH BUYERS**  
WILL  
consult their own interests  
BY CALLING, EXAMINING AND PURCHASING  
from our VARIED and EXTENSIVE AS-  
SORTMENT.

We have the  
Facilities and Determination  
sell Goods as cheap as any house West of the  
Mississippi.

Pay Cash for Wheat, Oats, Corn.  
Pork, Hides, Butter and Eggs.  
S. RICHARDSON, M. REYNOLDS.  
Winnebago City, Minn.

**DR. WHITTIER** is regularly  
educated and legitimately qual-  
ified, and has experience in all  
forms of disease, a knowledge  
quite indispensable in the treat-  
ment of the venereal disease, in  
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the treatment of private diseases his business and  
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Particular attention given to old standing cases,  
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the effects of solitary habits, both ruinous to body  
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THESE BITTERS ARE PREPARED IN PURE  
Bourbon Whiskey, from a combination of  
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portant secret in perfect concert with the other  
ingredients from the original formula given by the  
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They strengthen and invigorate the system.  
They are unequalled for general debility.  
They are a cure for Dyspepsia.  
They give a good and healthy appetite.  
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They purify the blood and acidity of the stomach.  
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See that our private Government stamp is unbroken  
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Sold by all druggists and dealers throughout the  
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**BENNETT PIETERS & CO.,**  
Proprietors  
31 and 33 MICHIGAN AVENUE,  
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**NEW STORE!** Fall & Winter  
**TRADE!**

A. D. MASON has just opened a  
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**VERNON CENTRE**  
consisting in every variety of

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**Balmorals,**  
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He has also a fine assortment of Ready Made  
CLOTHING, Hats and Caps, and plenty

I am determined not to be undersold by any  
firm this side of St. Paul. The patronage of the  
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v3n7y1 A. D. MASON.

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**Fresh Oysters!**  
All kinds of Fancy Candies,  
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Tobacco, &c. &c.

Second door South of Abbott &  
Welch's. Give us a call.  
14tf E. BURSIE.

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GEORGE E. NELSON  
wishes to say to the people of Winnebago City,  
and the neighboring towns, that he has the larg-  
est stock of

**LIQUORS.**  
ever brought into this town. Consisting in part of

Wine, Brandy, Gin,  
New England Rum, Bourbon Whiskey,  
Bourbon Bitters, Wahoo Bitters,  
Plantation Bitters, Hostetter's Bitters,  
Whiskey, &c., &c.

H also keeps constantly on hand the best

**CREAM ALE, & LAGER BEER.**  
If you want to buy good nice fresh

**oysters, lobsters**  
Peaches, Blackberries, Raspberries, or any kinds  
of CANNED FRUITS, this is the place to get them

OF CANDIES, both plain and fan-  
cy, he has them in endless quantities.  
And of NUTS from every clime, he  
keeps a large supply constantly on hand.

Don't forget the place. Next door SOUTH of  
MOULTON & DEUDON'S

Don't forget the name  
**Geo. E. Nelson,**  
Winnebago City, Nov. 15, 1865.

**H. P. CHRISTENSEN & BROS.,**  
Mankato, Minn.,  
Calls the special attention of the citizens of Far-  
bault and Martin counties to their exten-  
sive stock of new  
**FALL & WINTER GOODS,**  
embracing every variety of

**DRY GOODS,**  
Clothing, Groceries, Crockery,  
Hats & aps, Ladies Shoes,  
and a large assortment of

**Notions & Toys!**

Their entire stock was selected with  
great care and with special reference to the wants  
of Minnesotians.

The favorable circumstances under  
which their purchases were made, enables them  
to sell at **Very Low Prices**, and the pub-  
lic may be assured that they under no circum-  
stances, will be undersold.

They ask the public to examine  
their goods before buying elsewhere.

**GASH Paid for WHEAT!**  
CHRISTENSEN & BROS.  
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**HOSTETTER'S**  
CELEBRATED  
**STOMACH**  
**BITTERS.**

A pure and powerful tonic, corrector of wonderful ef-  
facy in disease of the

Stomach, Liver and Bowels.

Cures Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Headache, Genera-  
l Debility, Nervousness, Depression of Spirit, Constipa-  
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arising from biliousness, weakness, or  
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Nothing is so not wholesome, gentle and restorative  
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the human system can be protected by human means  
against maladies engendered by an unwholesome atmos-  
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found infallible as a preventive and irresistible as a reme-  
dy, and thousands who resort to it under apprehensions  
of an attack, escape the scourge; and thousands who  
neglect to avail themselves of its protective qualities in  
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hausted with that dangerous alkaloid, are not unfrequently re-  
stored to health within a few days by the use of

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the Constipation superinduced by irregular action of the  
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